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'Plan a beacon of light to guide thru dark tunnel'

Reagan rules out defense cuts

CHEYENNE, Wyoming, March 2 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan Tuesday turned aside calls to raise taxes and cut defense spending, and promised that his economic program "will guide our country out of this dark tunnel of recession and decline."

Faced with a growing list of congressional proposals to revise his big-deficit budget, Reagan said Washington "seems paralyzed by handwringers (worriers)," and he decided critics as "pessimists." The president said he is open to suggestions to cut the deficit, particularly proposals to reduce federal spending.

The president spoke at a Republican fund-raising reception for Sen. Malcolm Wallop, Republican-Wyoming who is facing reelection this year. Back in Washington, Republicans were looking for ways to shrink the politically damaging \$91.5 billion deficit the administration is forecasting for fiscal 1983. Senate Republicans said the president probably would accept reductions in the Pentagon's budget and some tax changes.

Reagan pleaded for time to let his program work. "The economic mess we are in has been piling up for decades and will take some time to straighten out," he said. "We must stick to our course — a difficult but straight road to recovery." Reagan said increasing taxes is not the way to balance the budget.

Cautioning against any cut in defense spending, Reagan said the president alone is the person "who has all the facts with regard to our national security. We dare not reduce our defense budget." He did not disclose any of the information he said he alone has. Reagan said most of the money in his \$221 billion defense budget for fiscal 1983 is for manpower maintenance and readiness. "If we eliminated all the major weapons programs that are scheduled," he said "it would reduce next year's deficit by \$6.5 billion in our \$3 trillion economy."

Fed says deficits will limit or abort America's recovery

WASHINGTON, March 2 (R) — A recovery in the U.S. economy is likely by the summer, according to members of the Federal Reserve Board, the independent central bank, but they are concerned that President Reagan's projected federal deficits will either limit or abort the improvement.

In a series of individual interviews with Reuters, the five central bank governors lent support to the now-dominant view in Congress that the record deficit must be reduced. Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve, has already publicly expressed concern about the deficits, which have alarmed Republicans as well as Democrats so much that the president's budget is regarded as all but dead in Congress, although there is no agreement on what should replace it.

The five governors, the sixth governor has not yet been confirmed by the Senate and Volcker declined to be interviewed — were generally confident that the economy will recover by the summer, starting in June. Reagan administration is saying much the same thing although its hopes for an early rebound were dampened Monday by news that the index used to predict future economic trends moved sharply back into reverse last month.

The deficits between what the government spends and raises in revenue are expected to continue to rise even as the economy recovers because revenue losses from last year's tax cuts will easily outstrip the gains provided by economic growth. The administration has projected a deficit of \$98.6 billion in the 1982 fiscal year ending next Sept. 30, with deficits of \$91.5 billion in 1983, \$82.9 billion in 1984 and \$73.2 billion in 1985.

One Federal Reserve governor said the anticipated large deficits were destroying the confidence of the business community and

U.S. car output hits new low

DETROIT, March 2 (AP) — February car production at the five major U.S. carmakers fell to its lowest level in 34 years, with just 323,661 autos turned out, according to industry reports released Monday.

The Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association said the last time February output was that low was in 1948, when 275,056 cars were produced. February's production was down 32 percent from 478,843 cars built in the month last year.

General Motors Corp. produced 280,776 autos in February, down 35 percent from 294,922 last year, while Ford Motor Co. turned out 68,779, off 29 percent from February 1981's 97,505 mark.

Chrysler Corp. produced 39,685 during the month, down 38 percent from 64,033 built a year earlier. American Motors Corp. assembled 4,155, a decline of 27 percent from 1981's 5,715, and Volkswagen of America made 10,266, a drop of 38 percent compared with 16,668 in February 1981.

For the year so far, the five automakers produced 603,432 autos, down 35 percent from 1981.

Mitterrand arrives in Israel today

TEL AVIV, March 2 (R) — French President Francois Mitterrand arrives in Jerusalem Wednesday on a state visit that is being hailed here as a major diplomatic breakthrough for Israel.

Mitterrand is the first European head of state to travel to Israel, which has been shunned by every country except the United States. Mitterrand is regarded by Israel as the most sympathetic French leader for more than 15 years and probably the Zionist state's best friend in the European Economic Community (EEC).

Officials say his talks with Prime Minister Menachem Begin will include a full review of the Arab-Israeli dispute, with emphasis on any EEC role in Middle East peace efforts.

The talks could cover a wide range of other questions and officials did not rule out that Israel might inquire about buying French arms. Before the late President de Gaulle put an embargo on military sales after the 1967 war France was one of Israel's main weapons suppliers. Since then, it has sold vast quantities of arms to Arab countries.

Israel was hounded by remarks by French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson who said during a visit in December that France had no peace plan of its own to press in the Middle East and would not agree to any EEC initiative because it was up to countries in the area to solve their problems. The Begin government regarded the statements as effectively undermining EEC attempts to force Israel into making "unacceptable concessions to the Arabs."

French officials insisted, however, that Cheysson's remarks had been misinterpreted and that Paris is striving to establish a balanced relationship with all Middle East states.

In an apparent show of displeasure, Mitterrand postponed his visit after Israel destroyed a French-built nuclear research center in Iraq last summer and put it off again after Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights in December. France ruled out any question of Mitterrand entering Arab East Jerusalem and when he travels Friday, the president's plane will make a detour to avoid overflying the occupied West Bank, officials said.

Cheysson upset Begin last month with a declaration that a future Palestinian state would have to be set up in the occupied territories.

Mitterrand is expected to spell out France's views on the Middle East in an address to the Knesset Thursday. He will have two rounds of talks with Begin and the two leaders will hold a joint press conference.

The president will be accompanied by Cheysson and three other ministers.

Israeli officials said they were hoping to lay the groundwork for closer economic and technical cooperation and might discuss buying a French nuclear power station. Israel would also clear up any doubt that it would be a source of major concern if France went ahead with plans to rebuild Iraq's nuclear research center they said.



As U.K. proposes \$4 cut Yamani, Oteiba discuss oil issue

RIYADH, March 2 (Agencies) — Dr. Mansour Al-Oteiba, petroleum and mineral resources minister of the United Arab Emirates, left here Tuesday, after a brief visit to the Kingdom. He was seen off at the airport by his Saudi Arabian counterpart Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani and several ministry officials.

During his meetings with Yamani, Oteiba discussed oil matters and also held consultations on the present oil situation.

Upon arrival here earlier in the morning, the UAE minister was met at the airport by Yamani and top officials of the ministry. He later told SPA that the visit would provide an opportunity to consult Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani on the oil situation.

Regarding reports about the convening of an extraordinary conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Oteiba said the holding and not holding of the conference rests on the member states. He added that he would implement their desire. "If the majority wanted its convening, we shall meet; if they thought otherwise than this, we shall then wait," he said.

The UAE oil minister said, however, that Iraq and some other states have requested the convening of the conference, and added that the matter is now under consultation.

Meanwhile, Venezuela Tuesday lowered its export prices for "heavy," lower-quality crudes by \$2.50 a barrel, in response to a "volatile" international oil market, the energy ministry has announced. The price cut, effective March 1, is the second this year affecting heavy oil. Venezuela has lowered prices three times this year for its residual fuels, exported mainly to the United States for use in industry and home heating.

The energy ministry announced the latest price cut came as "a necessary reaction to the announcement made by some producing countries regarding the lowering of export prices." The March 1 price reductions affect crudes ranging from 20.6 degrees API, which dropped from \$29.62 a barrel to \$27.12 a barrel, to the super-heavy 10-degree API variety, which dropped from \$21.4 a barrel to \$18.90 a barrel.

In London, the government's British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) is proposing a sharp \$4 cut, from \$35 to \$31 a barrel, in North Sea oil prices, oil industry sources said Tuesday. Oil companies have lobbied for a cut and are likely to accept the proposal, which will put intense pressure on OPEC to lower world oil prices generally, market experts said.

BNOC offered companies the offer under which a surprisingly big \$4 cut would be made, effective from Sunday but the new price would be frozen until the end of June.

A source close to one major oil company said that a cut of \$4 looked acceptable but that formal BNOC notification was awaited and the insistence on a price freeze until the end of June might not be too welcome. The companies want the price down because they have been losing money refining crude and selling products such as petrol, heating and industrial oil in a surplus-ridden market.

Britain now produces around 1.8 million barrels of crude oil a day, making it among the highest in the second rank of world producers. It sells slightly more than half its output, chiefly to the United States and West Germany. But if Tuesday's proposal is implemented, the British will be undercutting the benchmark, now set at \$34 and market analysts say the pressure for price reductions by the OPEC exporters will mount.

The British government stands to lose \$450 million in lost revenues for each dollar cut from the price of the British barrel. The reduction is Britain's second this year — it cut by \$1.50 a barrel Feb. 8. A year ago, its price was \$39.25 a barrel.

The British budget for the next financial year is to be unveiled next Tuesday and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said falling oil prices give little room to maneuver in trying to revive the economy by lowering taxes. Recession throughout the West is one reason for the falling price of oil. With conservation and the use of other fuels, it has depressed non-Communist world oil demand by about 10 percent since 1979 and created a glut throughout the market.

Britain's latest move follows price reductions by Iran, Venezuela, Mexico and Egypt. Within OPEC, pressure will be most intense on the African exporters of similar high-quality crudes — Algeria and Libya trying to sell at \$37 a barrel and Nigeria now quoting \$36.50.

Last week, Mexico cut its heavy crude price by \$1.50 a barrel and dropped \$2.50 a barrel off the price of its light crude. A new reduction by Britain could spark a series of price cutting moves elsewhere, industry sources said.

The developments underscored a trend in oil prices that some analysts believe may lead to an unraveling of OPEC's current pricing structure. "What we're seeing now in terms of contract prices is a crumbling at the edges," said a U.S. government analyst who asked that he not be identified.

King receives credentials

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — King Khalid Tuesday received the credentials of Salibou Saviella, Niger's new ambassador to Saudi Arabia. He also received the chairman of Chevron, Arabia, and a number of his colleagues.

Later in the evening the King welcomed the ulama and other citizens as he does every week.

Jordanian unit leaves for Iraq

AMMAN, March 2 (R) — The first group of Jordanian volunteers left here for Iraq Monday night to join its troops in their war against Iran, the official Jordan news agency Petra said Tuesday.

The volunteers, whose numbers have not been disclosed, had received intensive military training before being dispatched to Baghdad. Jordanian firms and individuals had donated millions of dinars since King Hussein, the most outspoken supporter of Iraq in its 18-month-old war with Iran, announced the recruitment of volunteers more than a month ago.

Nigerians queue for water, petrol

LAGOS, March 2 (Agencies) — Nigerians were queuing for water and petrol Tuesday on the fifth day of a national electricity and gas workers' strike as Lagos radio announced the suspension of all Nigeria Airways flights because of industrial action by air traffic controllers.

Hit by water supply cuts because of the failure of electric pumping equipment, hospitals were telling visitors to bring their own. Water tankers were being besieged by people with tin cans, buckets and washing bowls. Many petrol stations in Nigeria, one of the world's major oil producers, had to close because they did not have standby generators to supply electricity for fuel pumps.

Although most large businesses with heavy-duty generators were relatively unaffected by the power strike, which began Friday, many smaller concerns had to close because their generators were unable to cope with the extra load. The management of the National Electrical Power Authority (NEPA) was due to meet union leaders Tuesday and members of the House of Representatives committee on labor. But informed sources said there was no immediate likelihood of an end to the strike over pay and the issue of government control of NEPA.

Mines and Power Minister Ibrahim Hassan Monday warned the strikers to go back to work or he sacked, an official statement said. It added that workers who disobeyed the order would be prosecuted. All electrical power installations are under federal police guard, amid clear signs Tuesday of hardening positions by both the authorities and the National Union of Electricity and Gas Workers, which wants pay improvements.

It 'rains' death in S.E. Asia

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP) — "No one took the Himmung seriously when they first started to tell of the horror of 'yellow rain' and now no one is taking them seriously when they say why their relatives here are dying in the night," *The Wall Street Journal* said Monday.

The U.S. government and independent analysts have confirmed the use of "yellow rain" (a biological toxin) by Soviet-backed troops in South East Asia, the financial daily adds in an article in its editorial page. In the U.S., the government center for disease control in Atlanta calculates that during the last year the death rate for young Laotian males was 87 per 100,000, the journal adds.

This death rate is "comparable to the sum of the four leading causes of natural death among U.S. men of similar age," the journal says. "At the end of 1981, the CDC in Atlanta had recorded 39 cases of 'sudden, unexpected nocturnal deaths.' Of these, 26 were Hmong, eight others Laotian, four Vietnamese and one Cambodian. Seven new suspected cases have been reported so far this year."

"Surely, it is a stunning coincidence," the journal comments, "that the mysterious nocturnal deaths are occurring among the same people attacked by 'yellow rain,' and started to be reported about the same time the attacks were."

Begin survives vote on Sinai

TEL AVIV, March 2 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government, declaring that it will begin immediately to remove stubborn squatters from the Sinai peninsula, defeated a no-confidence vote Tuesday in parliament on the Sinai issue.

The vote was 58-4 to defeat the motion, with 43 abstentions largely from the opposition Labor Party. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, a one-time patron of the Sinai settlement, defeated the government against the motion.

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Boycott office continues blacklisting U.S. Sears

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 2 — The Saudi Arabian Boycott of Israel Bureau at the Commerce Ministry has decided to upkeep the boycott of Sears Roebuck and Co., a major American holding company, and its 27 subsidiaries. Among the subsidiaries, Alfinanaz Vermoegensbeheerend Und Vensich Erungsvermittlung Ag. is 100 percent West German, Allstate Insurance Company of Canada is 75 percent Canadian and Allstate International S.A. is 100 percent Swiss.

Europa Krankenversicherung A.G. is 80 percent West German; Europa Lebensversicherung A.G. 90 percent West German; and Europa Versicherungen Datenverarbeitung GmbH 85 percent West German. The rest

Algosaibi meets

Mauritanian aide

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi met with visiting Mauritanian Housing and Water Minister Muhammad Mahjoub Ouled Bieh here Tuesday. The two ministers discussed a number of topics of bilateral interest and cooperation between the two countries.

are 100 percent American. They are Allstate International Inc., Allstate Motor Club Inc., Allstate Savings and Loan Association, Commonwealth Management Company, Dayton Equities, Ekecutrans Inc., Schirmer Engineering Corp., Service Review Inc., Sears International Finance Co., Sears Investment Management Co., Tower Ventures Inc., General Underwriters Agency Inc., Harbridge House Inc., Northbrook Insurance Company, PMI Investment Corporation, PMI Mortgage Insurance Co., Tech-Cor Inc., Allstate Enterprises Consumer Discount Company, Allstate Enterprises Financial Corporation, Allstate Enterprises Mortgage Corporation, and Allstate Financial Corp.

In the meantime, the bureau decided to lift the ban on Greek firm Rimexco Ltd. but imports of soybeans and soy oil from the company will be banned; because it was proved that those two items were imported from Israel. The ban will also include any commodity that official Arab sources prove that the company is now importing from Israel. Moreover, a certificate will have to be tagged to any other Rimexco Ltd. imported goods showing the origin (which has to be 100 percent Greek) and the exporter.

Anqari to attend 10th Arab labor talks in Baghdad

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari, minister of labor and social affairs, will leave for Baghdad Friday, leading an official delegation to the 10th session of the Arab labor conference beginning in the Iraqi capital Saturday.

The delegation will comprise Ahmad Al-Yahya, labor undersecretary and several other officials of the ministry.

The 10-day conference will discuss a number of topics concerning the labor sector and social affairs in Arab states. The topics will include the wages policies; labor management; the social impact of manpower emigration; and vocational training.

The conference will also elect members for the board of directors of the Arab Labor Organization; the ALO's financial control board; and the board of directors of the Arab institutes for manpower education and labor research. The members will be elected for a term extending to 1985.

Dammam gives 10,000 plants

DAMMAM, March 2 (SPA) — Dammam Municipality has donated 10,000 saplings in the context of the fifth afforestation week for the Eastern Province which begins Saturday. The saplings will be planted in the streets of Dammam, public places, camps of the National Guard and schools.

The Eastern Province Agriculture Directorate General will provide 8,000 saplings of various types. Of these, 5,000 have been allocated for schools and the remaining for other public places. The region's Water and Sewage Department will provide the necessary fertilizers to plant the trees, in addition to various tools.

The National Guard will secure trucks, buses and water trucks to cover transportation, while the Youth Welfare office provides clothes, food and prizes for participants. The Eastern Province Education Directorate General will enlist students, who will implement the week's activities. The students will plant 30 schools in Dammam. The directorate also is undertaking a promotion campaign in cooperation with the University of Petroleum and Minerals and the Technical Studies Institute of Dhahran.

In another development, the emir of Rubaisimah, Sheikh Fahd Al-Sakran, dedicated Tuesday the afforestation week for the town. The municipality, emirate, police, traffic, water and sewage department and private companies are taking part in the week's activities during which 3,000 trees are to be planted.

Ahsa plans three gardens

Ank implements SR69m projects

ANK, March 2 (SPA) — The Municipality of Ank is currently carrying out SR69.8 worth projects, according to the mayor, Abdul Rahman Al-Rakan, Tuesday.

He said that these projects include the integrated sewage network project, temporary asphalt, paving, illumination and tree planting of streets, in addition to building three public toilets, fencing some graveyards and building three mortuaries in Ank, Jash and Milaha.

The mayor said that the municipality has taken delivery of several projects which cost SR32 million to build. They include a vegetable market in Ank, covering of the sewage network in Milaha, Jash and Ank and illuminating and asphalt of streets in the

three towns. The vegetable and fish markets of Jash also were repaired, in addition to the municipality's branches in Jash and Milaha, under these projects.

Meanwhile, the Municipality of Ahsa handed over three sites for building public gardens in Hofuf, Mubraz and Mahasin to the national companies which won the contracts. Total cost of the contracts amounts to SR16 million and work will be completed between 10 and 12 months later.

Hamad Al-Sughair, mayor of Ahsa and surroundings, said Tuesday that the municipality will cover the market in Mubraz at a cost of SR1 million, in addition to fencing the new sheep market in Hofuf. The old market will be turned into a public garden, the mayor said.

Gulf student delegation visits UPM

DHAHRAN, March 2 (SPA) — The delegation of outstanding students from Gulf states, currently visiting the Kingdom, toured Tuesday the University of Petroleum and Minerals' departments and colleges. The group also visited historical sites in the Eastern Province.

The program was organized by the Arab Gulf Educational Bureau for the 55 students representing universities in the Kingdom, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates

and Iraq. The program also includes visits to other universities of other Gulf states.

Meanwhile, UPM Rector Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr received the students' delegation earlier during the day and briefed them on the university's academic programs. He stressed the Gulf states' need for modern technological devices. At the same time, Dr. Bakr urged the students to adhere to the Islamic faith.

Chamber group to begin Asian tour

DAMMAM, March 2 (SPA) — A delegation representing the Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry's board will leave Dhahran Wednesday on a tour of South-East Asian countries which includes the Republic of China, South Korea and the Philippines.

The delegation was invited by the foreign trade promotion departments of those countries with a view to bolstering commercial and industrial relations. The delegation's talks also will cover prospects of participation in the Kingdom's development projects by the South East Asian countries and exchange commercial information.

The Saudi Arabian group will hold talks with trade and economics ministers in those countries to explore import opportunities and promote ties with chambers of commerce.

Malaysian back in Jeddah

MADINAH, March 2 (SPA) — Malaysian Minister of Youth and Sports Dr. Dato Mukhtar Hashem left here Tuesday for Jeddah in the context of his current visit to the Kingdom. He had stayed for two days in Madinah and held talks with Rector of Madinah Islamic University Sheikh Abdullah Al-Zayed.

The Malaysian minister was invited by Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal bin Fahd. He arrived last week and held talks with his host.

Hashem was seen off at Madinah airport by Ibrahim Badiri, Madinah office chief of the youth welfare, and other officials.

Solaim, Sudan minister probe commercial ties

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim Tuesday met with Ahmad Salem Ahmad, Sudanese minister of state for cooperation, commerce and supply, now on a visit to the Kingdom.

The meeting was attended by Tawfik Ibrahim Tawfik, supply undersecretary; Dr. Ahmad Shinawi, director general of the Grain Silos Organization; Saleh Abdul Rahman Al-Shibani, director of foreign trade department; Muhammad Al-Musallam, director of supply and control; and members of the delegation accompanying the Sudanese minister.

Solaim stated that the two sides reviewed commercial cooperation and discussed certain other matters that impeded trade between the two countries. He later hosted a luncheon party for the Sudanese minister.

On the other hand, the Sudanese minister held a meeting Tuesday afternoon with Muhammad Ali Mahki, ministry's undersecretary for agricultural affairs, to review agricultural cooperation and explore possible ways of boosting it.

Salem Ahmad arrived here Monday on a visit to the Kingdom lasting several days.

Kuwaiti officer leaves for home

DHAHRAN, March 2 (SPA) — Kuwaiti Chief of General Staff Maj. Gen. Abdullah Farraj Al-Ghanem left here Tuesday concluding a few days' visit to the Kingdom during which he toured military installations in various regions. He was seen off at the airport by Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hammam and other senior officers.

The Kuwaiti officer and his delegation began their visit to the Kingdom Saturday and met with Defense and Aviation minister Prince Sultan.

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Algosaibi opens joint venture duct plant

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 2 — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi Tuesday inaugurated the Saudi-Finnish Ducting



Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi

Company Limited (SAFID) in the industrial city here. The only factory in the Kingdom that manufactures airconditioning ducts, it is a Saudi-Finnish joint venture floated at a cost of SR14 million financed partly by the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF).

In a short inaugural speech, the minister lauded the venture as a shining example of Saudi-Finnish technical collaboration and wished the management all success. Earlier, Sheikh Abdul Halim Fares Rahbani, the company's chairman, welcomed the gathering. Kaj Helenius, Finnish ambassador to the Kingdom, said his country will be ready to offer cooperation in whatever field it is sought. Marti Nuutila, president of Nokia Metal Industries, the joint venture partner, also addressed the audience.

The company has a productive capacity of 3,000 tons per annum. The ducts, used in the central airconditioning plant, have already found a ready market. According to Seppo Ahonen, president of Nokia Metal Products, who cites the King Abdul Aziz International Airport at Jeddah and the King Khalid International Airport at Riyadh as some of the major consumers of their product.

Apart from its use in central airconditioning, the duct is also used in the construction of bridges to lighten the weight of concrete. It finds application in grain storage too.

The factory, which spreads over an area of 8,900 square meters, has already bagged orders worth SR2 million and more are in the pipeline. However, according to Sheikh Rahbani, the size of their market is about 20 percent of the demand. The rest comes from the United States and West European countries.

\$15m donated to Islamic societies

JEDDAH, March 2 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has given \$15 million to the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the Islamic Organization for Sciences and Technology to enhance their position in the international society and to help them serve the Islamic causes.

Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mubarak, ambassador at the foreign office and head of its Islamic department, gave checks for \$10 million and \$5 million for the two organizations respectively, to Habib Chatti, secretary general, of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, here Tuesday.

Chatti told Mubarak that he was grateful to King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd for this "fine gesture" and the Saudi Arabian government's support to the Islamic institutions.

Saudi-Sino body winds up session

TAIPEI, March 2 (SPA) — The fourth session of the Saudi-Sino Permanent Commission for Cultural Cooperation concluded its two-day meeting here Tuesday.

The commission discussed cooperation among the universities of the two countries, mainly in the fields of natural sciences, engineering and medicine, as well as mutual recognition of the academic degrees conferred by the universities of Saudi Arabia and China. Talks further covered teaching of Arabic in China and sending of Chinese experts to study the possibility of teaching Chinese language at the Kingdom's universities.

Nazer, Thatcher confer on trade, economy and oil

London Bureau

LONDON, March 2 — Planning Minister Hisham Nazer paid a short visit on British Prime Minister Mrs. Thatcher at Downing Street Tuesday.

The 35-minute session was described by a spokesman for the prime minister as "good, very useful and very friendly." They discussed trade and economic matters generally, but especially the world oil situation. Nazer described the outline of the Saudi Third Development Plan to Mrs. Thatcher who responded with her assessment of the state of the British economy. The existence of extremely good relations between the two countries was stressed on both sides.

The day before Nazer called on British Secretary of State for Trade, John Biffen, and attended a dinner in his honor at Lancaster House. He will meet the Governor of the Bank of England, Gordon Richardson, and Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Douglas Hurd, before concluding his official engagements with a meeting of the European Planning Federation at the Savoy Hotel Wednesday.

The three-day official visit to Britain is the first leg of a tour which will take Nazer to Argentina and Brazil.

Upon King's instructions Haram defenders to get land

JEDDAH, March 2 — All necessary measures have been taken to hand over 2,000 land plots to the citizens who helped defend the Holy Haram in Makkah 15 months ago according to the King's instructions, an aide to Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi said Tuesday.

Barakat Bajaid, the deputy mayor for technical affairs, told *Al-Bilad* that the land plots are situated south of here. They cover a 12.5-square-kilometer-area. Each piece is a 20x20 meters. All procedures will be completed within the coming three weeks, the official said.

Meanwhile, SR70 million have been allocated under the current and the previous year's budgets of Jeddah municipality for the creation of gardens, municipal officials said Tuesday.

Afforestation Department Director Dr. Mustafa Fahmi, told *Al-Madina* the municipality will soon invite tenders for five large public parks, including one along the Islamic

and Andalusian style. It will be the first garden of its kind in the Kingdom.

Before launching the tender, Jeddah municipality will categorize specialized international firms according to their qualifications and to the projects they had already implemented. Construction of the parks will take two to three years.

In the meantime, Mayor, Farsi is stressing early completion and inauguration of the proposed Jeddah Zoo. Dr. Fahmi said. Lately, the municipality commissioned two contracts for the maintenance of Madinah's expressway, Bakhashab street and the street east of the airport. Implementation of the SR5.5 million contracts will start soon.

The municipal budget also provides for the construction of three canopies for saplings in greenhouses. A sum of SR2.5 million has been earmarked for the purpose. A project has been commissioned for constructing an irrigation network and lighting of a garden in the city, he said.

Tunisian premier concludes visit

MADINAH, March 2 (SPA) — Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mazali left here for Qatar Tuesday after a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia and talks with Crown Prince Fahd.

During his stay here, Mazali has signed an agreement with the Saudi Development Fund for a \$100 million loan to help Tunisian development plans. Saudi-Tunisian talks, led by Prince Fahd and Mazali, were concluded earlier Monday.

Mazali said at a press conference Monday night that Saudi Arabia and Tunisia have

agreed to work closely to settle inter-Arab differences as a first step toward the resumption of the postponed Arab summit conference.

He was seen off at Madinah airport by Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen, Deputy Governor Sheikh Saad Al-Nasser Al-Sudairi, Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Masoud, state minister and member of the council of ministers, who headed the mission of honor, Kacem Boussina, Tunisian ambassador to the Kingdom; and Abdul Aziz Elias, the director of the Madinah branch of the royal protocol.

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BRIEFS

RIYADH (SPA) — Prince Faisal bin Fahd, president of youth welfare and head of the Arab football federation, received here Tuesday afternoon members of the federation's information bureau who are currently holding a meeting here. He talked to them about the federation's ambitions and the importance of the local unions' cooperation with the Arab federation.

ISLAMABAD (SPA) — President Zia-ul-Haq will open, April 8, a three-day conference of mayors of Islamic cities. High on the agenda will be renewal of the membership of Islamic historical cities foremost among which is Makkah.

JEDDAH — A second television channel will begin transmission within the coming three months, according to the evening edition of *Al-Jazirah*. Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that the purpose behind this move was to intensify the cultural programs and give more choice to the viewers.

BAHA (SPA) — Baha Education Directorate has introduced a new department for antiquities and museums as part of the Education Ministry's efforts to preserve antiquities for their importance in the history of people. Currently, the folk museum is nearly completed with the assistance of the Baha Governorate and the Municipality.

JEDDAH — Bids have been invited by the Presidency for Civil Aviation for the expansion of Madinah and Qassim's airports to enable them to receive Tristar planes. The bids will soon be opened, according to *Al-Bilad* Tuesday.

DOHA (SPA) — Ruler of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani received the credentials of the new Saudi Arabian Ambassador here Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al-Zaidi Monday. The audience was attended by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Ahmad bin Seif Al-Thani.

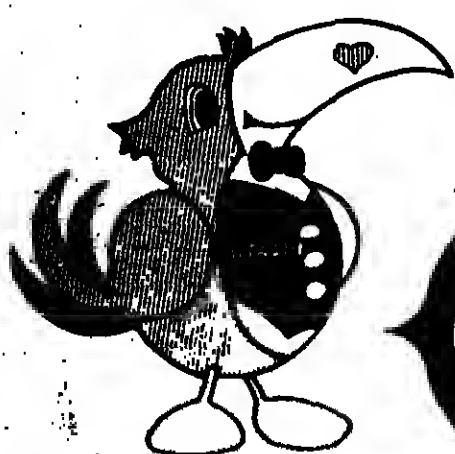
BILIRASHI (SPA) — Municipal projects under way in Bilirashi amount to SR39 million, according to Abdullah Abdul Khabiq Al-Humailis, the mayor. He said that these projects include asphalt, paving and illuminating of streets in the town, in addition to temporary asphalted roads in nearby villages and tourist areas. Public gardens also are being built under these projects.

JIZAN — Thirty new primary schools and rural schools for girls will be opened for the coming academic year, *Al-Bilad* reported Tuesday. The schools approved by the Girls Education Presidency include 26 primary schools consisting of two classrooms each, and four big primary schools. There are now 128 primary schools in the region catering for 13,968 students.

MADINAH (SPA) — Sheikh Ayyas Muhammad Salem will deliver here Wednesday on the stand of the Islamic community in regards to the differences between Imam. The lecture will be held at the Madinah Islamic University's lecture hall.

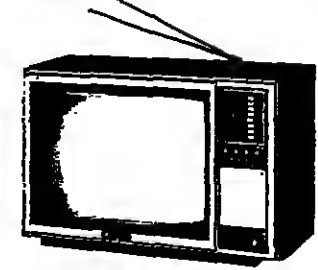
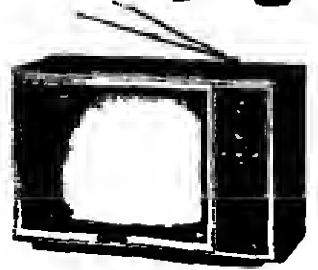
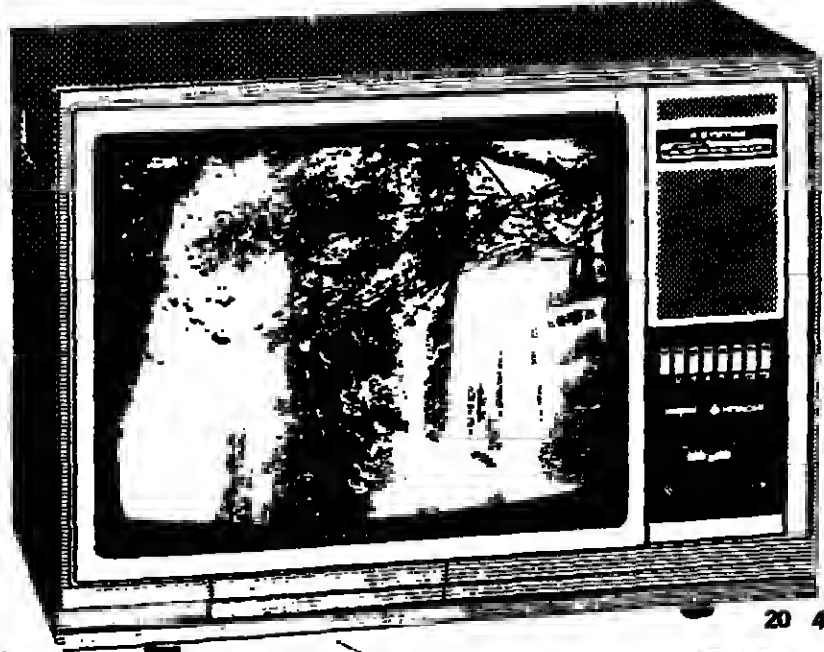
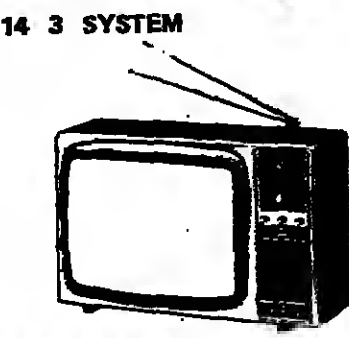
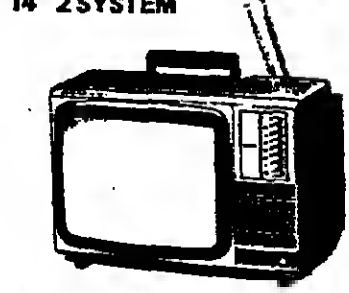
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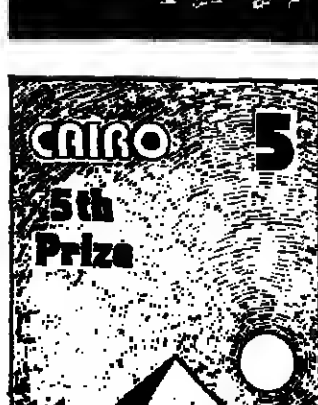
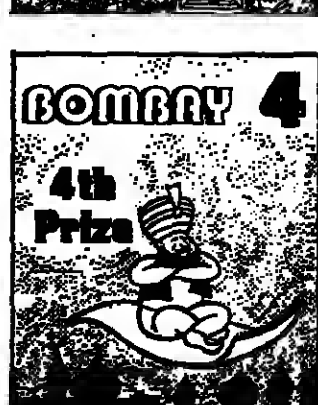
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Somalia emergency lifted by Siad Barre

MOGADISHU, March 2 (Agencies) — Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre has lifted a state of emergency imposed 16 months ago and dissolved the Supreme Revolutionary Council (SRC) of officers involved in the 1969 coup which brought him to power.

The official Somali news agency reported Tuesday that the decision was taken at an extraordinary meeting of the ruling Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party's central committee. The move was accompanied by a wholesale cabinet reshuffle in which only five men retained their posts, including Foreign Minister Abdurahman Jama Barre and Finance Minister Adow.

On Oct. 21, 1980, Gen. Barre declared a state of emergency, citing the need to fight

corruption and internal dissent at a time of military pressure from Ethiopia, Somalia's traditional enemy in the Horn of Africa.

Some diplomats linked the return to normal rule with President Siad Barre's coming visit to the United States, which has been allied with Somalia since the government there broke with the Soviet Union in 1979. Senior Somali diplomats said the end of emergency rule was designed to hasten the relaxation of tension in a country which sees itself in an undeclared state of war with Ethiopia, although full-scale fighting ended four years ago.

Closely allied to the Soviet Union since Gen. Siad Barre took power, Somalia turned to the United States when the Kremlin switched sides halfway through the Ethiopian-Somali war over the disputed Ogadeo desert.

Egypt says Israel puts new obstacles to Mideast peace

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) — Israel is needlessly complicating relations with Egypt by insisting that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak visit Jerusalem, Egypt's U.S. ambassador said Monday.

In a message obviously directed at Israel, Ambassador Ashraf Ghorbal also cautioned against introducing "new obstacles" into the search for a Middle East peace. Ghorbal cut short a vacation to Egypt to rush back to Washington over the weekend to report to Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, on recent developments that are worrying Egypt.

Mubarak had planned to visit Israel after mid-February to demonstrate Egypt's commitment to the Camp David peace process and to continuing good relations with Israel following Israel's withdrawal from the Egyptian Sinai on April 25.

But the visit has been postponed, at least partly, because of Israeli insistence that

Mubarak visit Jerusalem. Egypt has insisted that East Jerusalem is occupied Arab territory and is not part of Israel.

Following an hour-long meeting with Haig at the State Department, Ambassador Ghorbal told reporters that Mubarak "has expressed to Israel the difficulty he faces concerning a visit to the city of Jerusalem." "Egypt's position since the Israeli annexation of Jerusalem is well-known," Ghorbal added. "It is known to Israel, it is known to our American friends, it is known to the whole world. We stand by our position."

The trip is still under consideration, Ghorbal said, adding, Mubarak "has accepted the invitation; when and what kind of a program is what is under discussion."

But an Israeli diplomatic source said Israel is unlikely to compromise on a visit to Jerusalem. He noted that French President Francois Mitterrand will visit Jerusalem this week.

Habib arrives in Syrian capital

DAMASCUS, March 2 (AP) — America's Middle East troubleshooter Philip C. Habib flew from Israel to Damascus Tuesday on the third stop of a tour aimed at preventing a war between the Israelis and the Palestinians in southern Lebanon.

Nasser Kaddour, Syria's deputy foreign minister, met Habib at Damascus airport, Habib motored to the residence of the American ambassador. There was no word as yet along his meetings with Syrian President Hafez Assad, though the two have talked on Habib's four prior missions here in the past year.

Habib arrived in the Lebanese capital, Beirut, Friday and journeyed to Israel Sunday, meeting leaders of both countries. Israel alleges the Palestinians have amassed new arms in South Lebanon. Though the United States denies any such stockpiling, there have been increased warnings by Israeli leaders that a strike against the Palestinians is imminent.

Habib helped fashion a ceasefire last July that ended two weeks of shelling by Israelis and Palestinians. The Palestinians have said they would honor the ceasefire in South Lebanon.

Palme finds Iran, Iraq still adamant

UNITED NATIONS, March 2 (AP) — U.N. envoy Olof Palme found Iran and Iraq still deeply divided on his fifth and latest peace mission to those two warring countries, the United Nations reported Monday.

A spokesman here said Palme, Swedish Social Democratic leader, returned to Stockholm from the six-day trip Monday and had a telephone conversation with Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar at this headquarters. "The governments of Iran and Iraq

anon. Arafat announced late February that the ceasefire of July 24 included only South Lebanon and that Palestinians under Israeli occupation would continue their struggle."

Assad is crucial to Habib's efforts because the Syrians installed Soviet-made SAM-6, surface-to-air missiles in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley last April after Israeli jets shot down two Syrian helicopters during fighting between the Syrians and rightist Lebanese forces who receive aid from Israel.

One sign of the worry over war is a directive issued by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in Lebanon. It urged its civilian employees last week to make sure they had adequate supplies of non-perishable foods in their homes in case of renewed warfare.

The government newspaper *Tishrin* in an editorial attacked the United States for sending Habib here without proper grounds and noted the trip comes after the U.S. veto in the United Nations Security Council reversed an otherwise overwhelming vote in favor of mandatory sanctions against Israel for annexing the Syrian Golan Heights last December.

stated that they had no intention of interfering in the internal affairs of the other country," said Perez de Cuellar's spokesman, Francois Guillani, describing Palme's talks in Baghdad and Tehran. "Both stated that they had no territorial ambitions, and both expressed the wish to achieve a lasting peace."

Palme welcomed these statements as evidence of the desire of Iran and Iraq to end the conflict through peaceful means. However, he is of the view that their positions are still far apart on the central issues of the conflict.

Palme, an ex-prime minister of Sweden, became the U.N. secretary-general's special representative on Iran and Iraq in November 1980, when Kurt Waldheim of Austria held the top U.N. post. He visited both countries for Waldheim in November 1980 and January, February and June 1981. His latest trip was his first for Perez de Cuellar, who became secretary-general Jan. 1.

BRIEFS

KUWAIT (AP) — Nicholas Veliotis, U.S. assistant secretary of state for near east and South Asian affairs, Tuesday launched talks with Gulf officials on the economic, political and military perspective in the Gulf region. Veliotis arrived Monday on what a U.S. Embassy spokesman described as "a familiarization tour" of the member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Israeli soldiers Tuesday used teargas to break up a demonstration in the West Bank town of Ramallah by Palestinian students, protesting the closure of Bir Zeit University. The worst of the army-student clashes occurred near the university, closed for two months on Feb. 17, following earlier demonstrations.

PARIS, (AP) — Chad's Foreign Minister Ahmad Agyl Tuesday ruled out any possibility of peace talks in his nation's civil war and said the withdrawal of Libyan troops which rekindled the fighting last November had been ill-timed. On the possibility of renewed Libyan military involvement in his Central African country, Ahmad Agyl said Chad was "open to various options." He refused to elaborate.

ANKARA (AP) — The Ankara martial law command Tuesday indefinitely closed Turkey's only remaining Social Democrat publication, the weekly *Arayis* spokesman for the magazine said.

ANKARA (R) — Turkish newspapers carried front-page stories Tuesday on Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu's visit to Cyprus, accusing him of "delirium" and "provocation."

Defense lawyer faces trial for contempt in Sadat case

CAIRO, March 2 (AP) — Abdul Halem Ramadan, the lawyer for the chief defendant in last October's assassination of President Anwar Sadat, is to stand trial Wednesday on charges of insulting the court.

Ramadan, attending Monday's session of a Cairo military tribunal trying Lt. Khaled Ahmad Shawk El-Isambouly and 23 others accused of killing Sadat while reviewing a military parade, charged the court of "falsifying" the minutes of the trial by dropping "some facts" cited by the defense or inserting "incorrect" information.

Speaking for the defense team in the same session, Ramadan also asked the court to suspend the trial that began Nov. 21 pending

a decision by a constitutional court on shifting the trial to civilian judges. Ramadan built his case before the constitutional court, filed two days ago, on the fact that the defendants, with the exception of El-Isambouly, are all civilians and that 20 of them are being investigated by the state prosecutor, a civilian authority for the same charges.

He told a news conference held early Tuesday at the bar association in the presence of other members of the defense team that armed guards escorted him to the offices of a military prosecutor where he was held for 12 hours until a date was fixed for his trial before a military court.

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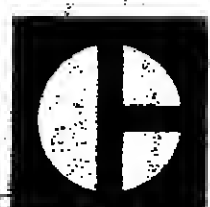
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ZIONIST LIES

The Zionists and their allies have never ceased trying to avenge the shattering defeat they suffered when the United States Congress passed the bill enabling the administration to proceed with the arms deal with Saudi Arabia. Israel and its friends in the United States had mobilized all the political and media forces at their command, but these, for the first time, proved to be insufficient to break the U.S. administration's resolve to live up to its commitments to Saudi Arabia.

The most recent instance of this vengefulness was the report circulated in the American media of Saudi Arabia accepting "certain conditions" for its operation of the AWACS planes which were part of the arms deal, and of actually signing a document to this effect. This is supposed to have happened while U.S. Defense Secretary Weinberger was on his recent visit to the Kingdom.

Saudi Arabia's reaction to this blatant lie came from Minister of Defense Prince Sultan in an interview with *Arab News*, in which he pointed out that such fabrications from the Zionists and their friends are precisely what one should expect, now that the arms deal is on the way to implementation, and that contempt is all such allegations deserve.

The Saudi leadership, the prince said, realizes fully its duties toward its homeland, and toward the Arab and Muslim worlds, and shall continue to fulfill these duties despite the hysterical campaigns of the Zionist-inspired media in America and elsewhere. Where it concerns the arms deal in particular, Prince Sultan said that the Saudi Arabian forces have demonstrated beyond any doubt their ability to absorb the most modern of systems, and that this, in the end, is the sole guarantee of effectiveness in the discharge of their tasks.

Saudi Arabian press review

Crown Prince Fahd's talks with Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mazaoui, the West European countries' stance on the Middle East crisis in the light of the French president's upcoming visit to Israel, the Saudi Arabian-Greek relations and the Kingdom's distinguished role appeared for editorial comment in Tuesday's newspapers.

Welcoming the talks between Crown Prince Fahd and Premier Mazaoui, *Al-Nazm* noted that the talks have opened new vistas of fruitful cooperation between the two countries in the political, economic, cultural and technical fields. The paper hailed the identical viewpoints between Saudi Arabia and Tunisia on all issues pertaining to the Middle East.

It said Mazaoui's visit to the Kingdom was part of the two countries' persistent efforts to unify Arab ranks "in the face of threats and challenges posed by the Israeli enemy."

Commenting on the forthcoming visit of French President Francois Mitterrand to Israel, *Al-Jazirah* said the visit "will deal a big blow to French-Arab relations."

The paper described the meeting of the Council of Europe's Pol-

itical Committee in Jerusalem in May as "harmful to Euro-Arab relations because the council's policy reflects the policies of the Western European countries."

It urged the Arab state to reconsider their relations with the European states "which are adopting a double-face policy."

Al-Bilad felt the great concern shown by King Khaled to Islamic issues "reflects the Kingdom's concern to serve Islamic causes."

Referring to King Khaled's meeting with Habib Chatti, the secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference, the paper said the meeting demonstrated King Khaled's concern to personally follow up the OIC's activities for the benefit of Islamic causes.

Al-Madinah hailed the Saudi Arabian-Greek relations in the wake of Greek Foreign Minister Charalambopoulos' visit to Saudi Arabia and his fruitful talks with Prince Saud Al-Faisal.

The paper praised Greece's honorable stance on Arab causes led by the Palestinian issue. It commended Greece's recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the Palestinian people. (SPA)

After Khomeini, what next?

By Liz Thurgood

LONDON —

Ayatollah Khomeini took the unusual step last week of breaking a three-week holy retreat to broadcast to the nation. "The person you are supposed to have killed is listening to you now," he told the radio audience.

Khomeini had not been scheduled to surface from his meditations until March 4. This break with tradition was an indication of the regime's mounting irritation over a spate of rumors that have had him not praying but dying.

The stories said that Khomeini was confined to his bed; that relatives, including his grandson, and senior religious leaders were gathered at the village of Jamaran in north Tehran where Khomeini now lives; and that a three-man council had not only been named but was poised to take over the Ayatollah's duties.

According to Khomeini's opponents in exile, he was already dead. The latest rumors were started inadvertently by President Ali Khamenei, who in an interview officially discussed for the first time in three years the choice of Khomeini's successor. Telephone lines to Tehran promptly jammed, and the president's office was forced to issue a hasty statement blaming the confusion on foreign news agencies "distorting his interview" and "using misleading headlines."

But the whole affair raises the question that most Iranians prefer to ignore: after Khomeini, what next? Most seem to expect another religious strongman but a council of leaders has always been more likely.

A step-by-step process for finding a Khomeini replacement lies in Article 107 of Iran's new constitution. In the absence of a new *faghih* or natural leader — which would certainly be the case if Khomeini died today — an elected committee of experts would choose a new leader or leadership council made up of three or five men.

Qualifications to sit on such a council would include "piety, learning, courage and strength." Contenters would also possess "the necessary administrative abilities" — not, perhaps, Khomeini's strength — and "political and social perspicacity."

Although members would be "equal before law with all other citizens" the leadership council would wield immense powers: in addition to naming the head of the supreme court, six members of the 12 — man council of guardians (to ensure the Islamic hue of the constitution), and the three armed forces commanders, it would also be able to declare war, mobilize troops and dismiss the president.

Elections for the experts council are scheduled to take place in the second month of the Iranian calendar, either at the end of April or in early May. On the radio last week, a government spokesman, Ahmad Tavakoli, denied recent reports that Iran's Grand Ayatollahs — Golpayegani, Marashi and Najafi — or Ayatollah Mottazari, would automatically be chosen to replace Khomeini.

That the grand ayatollahs would readily join the leadership council is a moot point. They have always banded together in times of crisis, but traditionally work as individual leaders in religious and scholarly pursuits. The leadership council may thus be manned by five relative unknowns who will make up in piety and number what they lack in national authority. Ayatollah Mottazari was until recently tipped as Khomeini's chosen successor, but years spent in the Shah's jails have damaged his health and he now has a liver complaint.

Observers believe that Iran is keen to get the leadership council set up as soon as possible, allowing its five members to benefit from Khomeini's authority before his death — and thus ensuring continuity. Khomeini himself may return to the holy city of Qom later this year.

Despite all the speculation, Khomeini is believed to enjoy reasonable health.

Japan's ambitious schemes in Siberia hit snags

By Mark Frankland

LONDON —

While the American administration continues what looks more and more to be a losing battle against the West Siberia-to-Europe gas pipeline, ambitious schemes to use Japanese money and technology to exploit the riches of Eastern Siberia have run into difficulties.

Ten years ago, the marriage of Japan and the Soviet Far East seemed to have been made in an economist's heaven. Japan's industry depends on imported raw materials. Eastern Siberia has huge deposits of oil, gas, coal and other minerals. (Siberia already produces half of the Soviet Union's oil and a third of its natural gas.) And the distance between them is only a day's boat ride.

Futurists played with the vision of Japan drawing the Soviet Far East into the prosperity of the Pacific basin, bringing Honda motorbikes and Sony radios to the inhabitants of Khabarovsk and Vladivostok to the envy of less fortunate Russians to the West.

But international politics and the difficulty of getting at Siberia's riches, as remote as they are seductive, proved a greater obstacle than Soviet planners and Japanese businessmen supposed. The story of how these difficulties arose suggests that breath-taking schemes for Soviet-Western economic cooperation will for the calculable future probably end up trimmed to modest proportions.

Japan struck its great Siberia deal in the early

1970s. There had been earlier projects for exploiting timber and developing the Soviet Far Eastern port of Wrangel but they were small by comparison.

The 1970s deal had four parts: a big extension of the timber project; the mining of coking coal in South Yakutia; the development of natural gas fields, also in Yakutia; and oil and natural gas prospecting off the Soviet island of Sakhalin. Japanese banks agreed to lend some \$3 billion for Japanese technology and experts. The Soviet Union would pay back by deliveries of raw materials.

After a meeting between President Brezhnev and the then Japanese Premier Kakuei Tanaka yet more ambitious Far Eastern plans were floated for copper and asbestos mining and the construction of a steel complex, but they are still up in the air while much of what had been agreed on has proved difficult to realize.

Coking coal deliveries were supposed to start in 1979. Soviet Premier Nikolai Tikhonov told Japanese journalists last month they would start some time before 1986. The Japanese say the Russians have yet to confirm the Yakut natural gas reserves, and suspect Moscow may have shelved the project. The prospecting off Sakhalin is progressing, but with more promise of gas than oil.

The difficulty on the Soviet side seems to be fierce competition for increasingly limited supplies of both labor and capital compounded by the extreme cost imposed by Siberian conditions where moving a drilling rig 60 miles can cost as much as its

construction.

There is evidence of a battle of bureaucrats in Moscow, with Gosplan, the supreme planning authority, and some ministries doubting whether Siberian development is always worthwhile.

According to a Soviet commentary "there are those that think that the mastery of Siberia's wealth involves greater expense per unit of output. In other words it is said that the rate of return on inputs in Siberia is not high and very long-term." These arguments are challenged by a Siberian lobby, led by the Siberian branch of the Soviet Academy of Science, which still seems to have the support of the party leadership.

International politics have compounded the purely Siberian difficulties. The shakiness of East-West relations has played a part but the chief difficulty lies in the two countries' ambivalent attitudes to each other. They are old imperial rivals in the Far East and Japan's persistent claim to four minuscule islands occupied by Soviet troops in 1945 infuriates the Soviet government.

A Soviet concession on the islands would do wonders for the relationship but Soviet diplomacy won't budge, apparently in the belief that one territorial concession would touch off a chain of demands elsewhere. This diplomatic battle can be stormy: when the Japanese proposed salvaging treasure from the Russian cruiser *Admiral Nekhomo*, sunk by the Japanese Navy in the war of 1905, the Russians at once claimed it as theirs.

ZAPU sources insisted there was no split in the party but officials were shocked by the government's revelations of arms hoards on farms connected with Nkomo. Mugabe said one cache of powerful, modern weapons had been hidden in an air-conditioned anti-hill and was pinpointed for security forces by ZAPU informers.

Some ZAPU members — not least a militant younger element educated and trained in Moscow during the war — were frustrated by government lists of properties owned across the country by companies associated with Nkomo. They included farms, hotels, shops, supermarkets, houses and manufacturing outfits with a face value of several million dollars. (R)



Japan is also constrained by China which insists that the development of Siberia threatens its security. The Chinese press calculated last year that the Soviet Union already produces a third of its tanks, a quarter of its warships and nearly half of its airplanes in the eastern half of the country. Chinese disapproval stopped the Japanese from considering a pipeline project that would have taken West Siberian oil to the Soviet Pacific coast. (ONS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 3rd, the 62nd day of 1982. There are 303 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1659 — Franco-Swedish alliance is renewed for three years.

1808 — French forces under Joachim Murat occupy Madrid.

1813 — Britain signs treaty of Stockholm with Sweden, which agrees to supply army in return for British subsidies and promises not to ally with Norway.

1861 — Emancipation of Russian serfs is proclaimed.

1896 — Peace of Bucharest between Serbia and Bulgaria is signed.

1918 — Peace treaty of Brest-Litovsk is signed between Russia and central powers.

1924 — Germany signs treaty of friendship with Turkey.

1932 — Chinese forces are driven back from Shanghai by Japanese.

1945 — United States and Canadian armies join up as German army goes into full retreat along Rhine River in World War II.

1959 — Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey establish Representative Parliamentary Council.

1967 — Poland refuses to issue visa to former U.S. Vice President Richard Nixon to make private visit to Warsaw.

1974 — Turkish airliner crashes in forest near Paris, France, killing 345 people.

1979 — U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin meet privately in effort to resume negotiations toward Middle East peace treaty.

1981 — U.S. President Ronald Reagan says it seems unlikely that the United States will send troops to El Salvador to help right-wing government hold down threat from leftist insurgents.

Thought for today:

People ask you for criticism, but they only want praise — W. Somerset Maugham, English author (1874-1965).

Realtors illegally subdivided Calif. land

Purchasers stuck with problems, battle county

By Victor Medina

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Gerald Stephens of Ogden, Utah and Takeru Yoritomo of Kahului, Hawaii have never met although they are, in a sense, neighbors. The two men and their families own nearby parcels of high desert land in the Antelope Valley, 80 miles north of Los Angeles. They each paid about \$7,000 for their one-acre patches of land, and they shared the speculator's dreams of eventual profits.

Today, that sandy, undeveloped land is still covered with sagebrush and the road leading to their lots is no more than a bumpy, dirt path. It may remain that way for a long time.

The land, Stephens and Yoritomo have belatedly discovered, was illegally subdivided before they bought it. And that has made it difficult to build upon or resell those parcels.

"We put everything we had into it, and there it sits," said Stephens, who bought his property in 1978. "At this point, we've received nothing for it."

The companies that sold the land to the Yoritomos and Stephens were part of the Far-Mac Investment Co. group controlled by James McGowan and James Farrara.

McGowan and his companies are the object of federal and foreign investigations into the sale of California land to buyers both here and abroad. While the investigations are focusing on other aspects of the vast sales operation, the illegally subdivided land left in its wake may be Far-Mac's most lasting legacy.

Never Met Local Laws
More than a thousand purchasers who bought land from the Far-Mac companies — parcels ranging from 1 1/4 acre to 2 1/2 acre parcels or more — unknowingly invested in land that did not meet state or local subdivision laws, according to Los Angeles County planning officials.

Numerous Problems
Some who bought from Far-Mac companies said they later discovered that their parcels lacked access through neighboring properties. Others later learned that their parcels did not meet local zoning ordinances because not enough room had been left for a roadway. And when it came to reselling their land or building on it, the purchasers found that they did not own a legal lot, in the eyes of the county.

Although a new law that took effect Jan. 1 will serve to legalize many of the lots for "innocent purchasers," the headaches to which Cushman alluded in his letter have not vanished.

Circumvented Laws
According to county and state planning officials, Far-Mac divided and sold land in the 1960s in a text book case of circumventing subdivision laws. Under county and state laws, splitting a piece of land into five or more smaller parcels for sale constitutes a subdivision. A subdivider is required to make im-

provements on the property — such as providing for streets and sewers — as well as file his intent to sell those lots with the State Department of Real Estate.

Process Used
Far-Mac avoided all this by using a process called "four-by-fouring," according to county planning and state real estate officials.

It purchased large parcels of land from individual sellers and land "wholesalers." Each large parcel was then split into four smaller parcels, and each of the smaller parcels was then transferred to sister companies with different names.

These companies, in turn, would further divide each of their parcels into four or fewer parcels and transfer them to still other companies.

The process continued until the land had been reduced to 1 1/4 acre or 2 1/2 acre parcels that could be sold to individual buyers. Since the number of smaller parcels created by each transfer never totaled five, the county and state subdivision laws presumably did not apply.

To the casual observer and to outside buyers, it appeared that different companies were involved in the various transactions. But according to court records, county investigators found the companies shared a clear "unity of interest" and the process was intended to circumvent subdivision laws.

"Nothing we did was illegal," said McGowan. "We followed the laws at the time."

Claim Accord Reached
McGowan added that subdivision laws were sufficiently vague during the period that Far-Mac operated to confuse both developers and officials. He said, in fact, that an accord was reached with county authorities. "We had meetings and they said 'Okay, sell your present inventories and from here on out, do what you have to do,'" McGowan said.

Current planning officials say they have no knowledge of any such agreement. But the enforcement of such subdivision laws during that period was considered lax by critics of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Department — a view upheld in January 1980 by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David A. Thomas.

Planning Department Helped
In his findings on a lawsuit filed against the county, Thomas said that the Planning Department "from at least the mid-1960s to at least early 1978" had failed to enforce subdivision laws. Ruling in what became known as the Margolin case, Thomas said that rather than working as an enforcement agency, the Planning Department had advised some developers how to circumvent county subdivision laws.

Individual investors who now own the illegal lots may end up burdened with expenses that the subdivider was able to avoid. The least of their problems is the \$25 to \$185 for a certificate of compliance — in effect, making

their lots legal. The Jan. 1 law providing for such legalization also allows that payment to be deferred until the land is actually developed.

Critics of the Jan. 1 law argue that all it has done is shift the cost of necessary improvements to the "tag end" buyer.

"It may legalize (those parcels) but the problem is still the same for an innocent purchaser. At some point, someone is going to have to pay for the conditions imposed by the county," said Carlyle Hall Jr., an attorney with the Center for Law in the Public Interest.

And if the individual buyers don't come up with the money, then county taxpayers may eventually be stuck with the cost of installing streets, water systems and sewers.

Hundreds of Millions Involved
"You and I are going to have to pay for that, and we're not talking about millions of dollars but hundreds of millions of dollars," said former Regional Planning Commissioner Carolyn Llewellyn who spent eight years representing the Antelope Valley and the Santa Monica Mountains, the two most prevalent areas for illegal lots.

In one letter to investors scattered around the world, county planners said the companies responsible for their predicament "have moved their operations out of the jurisdiction of the State of California. Accordingly, no criminal actions are pending by the county of Los Angeles at this time."

Western symbols cited

Soviets endorse raids against jeans, T-shirts

By Dnsko Doder

MOSCOW (WP) — A young Soviet conscript returned recently to his native city of Simferopol to find it "literally flooded with shirts bearing the legend 'U.S. Army' and tags with the (American) eagle."

Having spent the previous two years in a paratroop unit, Pavel Ribchenko was first startled to see a 19-year-old girl with a patch on her sleeve showing the stars and stripes and American eagle. Then he realized that in his absence the city had been practically occupied by young people wearing jeans and T-shirts with inscriptions ranging from "Los Angeles Police Department" to "Boston University."

Just looking around, Ribchenko recalled in a letter to the newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, "I was reminded of the existence of the so-called Soviet institutes, financed by American intelligence."

Things that all Soviet conscripts are taught have led him to conclude that he was in the midst of "psychological war" where the enemy was trying to "enter the subconsciousness" of average Soviet youths and "impose the notion that everything American — the jeans, automobiles, etc. — was the best."

The influx of American jeans and T-shirts

results from sales here by foreign tourists, who find the prices paid for their pants too favorable to resist, and by enterprising Russians who bring the goods back from trips abroad.

The alarmed letter was one in a series of articles and comments recently about the sartorial conspiracy threatening to tear the fabric of socialism and apparently requiring draconian remedies.

One such remedy reportedly was applied in two neighboring black sea cities — Nikolaev and Herson — where young Communist vigilantes, all dressed in proper outfits, swooped down on cafes, dancing halls and parks, rounding up young people dressed in Western clothes and trying to explain the sartorial diversion to which they had succumbed.

The craze for blue jeans and "real labels" has been sweeping the Soviet Union for several years. But in the past weeks, apparently as a result of party calls for greater vigilance following the Polish crisis, the Soviet media have become increasingly critical of symbols of Western lifestyles.

A doctor of history last month explained to the public just how insidious an attempt was under way to subvert the hearts and minds of Soviet youth.

Also writing in *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, the main Communist youth organization's newspaper, V. Idayatov endorsed vigilante raids against jeans and T-shirts. But, he said, the raiding parties should attempt tactfully to shame young people into understanding the harm of their sartorial inclinations.

Some emblazoned slogans, he said, are simply hostile to socialism. People often "don't understand the meaning of this or that symbol."

"The eradication of Western symbols is a serious matter," he continued. "It is part of the education of young people to ideological maturity, political understanding, and artistic and aesthetic culture."

The first step in the war against blue jeans and T-shirts, he said, would be to tighten up control in the cities that foreigners visit. The second is to increase control on Westerners who bring such clothes into the country.

Then, he said, the Ministry of Light Industry had better improve Soviet clothes and inject the required sparkle to combat alien elegance. The onus in all of this is on members of Komsomol, the Communist youth organization, who should make their contemporaries ashamed to walk the streets in Western clothes.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

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WRITTEN & DRAWN BY BILL CALDWELL

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Specific diseases investigated

Micro-organism is neither a virus nor bacterium

By George Alexander

SAN FRANCISCO (LAT)—Researchers at the University of California have found a previously unknown kind of infectious micro-organism, neither virus nor bacterium, that apparently can make copies of itself in human and animal cells despite the fact that it has no genes to call its own.

Although tests have yet to confirm which specific diseases might be caused by this pathogen, the list of possible illnesses include multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), Parkinson's disease, diabetes mellitus, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus erythematosus and some cancers.

The pathogen is a small protein for which its discoverer, Dr. Stanley B. Prusiner, has coined the word "prion." It is pronounced "pre-on" and is a combined form for "protein" and "infectious." At this point, Prusiner said, scientists are still speculating as to how the prion copies itself.

Prusiner, a professor of neurology and biochemistry, and team of colleagues at the Uni-

versity of California, San Francisco, and the Veterans Administration Hospital in San Francisco found the pathogen while carrying out research on scrapie, a fatal disease that attacks the central nervous system of sheep.

Their research, which began seven years ago, was aimed at a better understanding of so-called "slow" viruses — viral infections that take anywhere from a few years to several decades to develop.

Scrapie (pronounced "scrape-ee") has long been thought to be one of many such slow viral diseases. It could be that prions are the real cause of these illnesses.

Prusiner and his team took samples of brain tissue from laboratory animals — mice and hamsters — that had been infected with scrapie and had subsequently died. The researchers then began a painstaking, laborious and costly process of purifying the brain tissue, eliminating proteins and other cellular matter that did not cause scrapie in other hamsters. They then repeated the process only with that residue that did cause infection.

Eventually, they wound up with a small substance that clearly was the infectious agent. They expected to find a virus.

A virus is a parasite. It consists of a small amount of genetic material wrapped inside a protein coat. Once a virus manages to slip inside a host's cell, it then uses the host's genetic machinery to make many copies of its own small set of genes. What happens is that the cell makes so many viral copies that it bursts and releases those viruses to infect still other cells.

But when Prusiner and his co-workers hit the scrapie infectious agent with enzymes that destroy nucleic acids, the building blocks of genes, nothing happened.

"Nucleases didn't change it a bit," Prusiner said of this group of enzymes. "But when we hit it with proteinases (enzymes that destroy proteins), it fell apart."

Clearly then, the infectious agent was either made entirely of protein or, if it contained any genes at all, had only a very small amount well protected inside a protein shell. Through a series of continuing analyses, Prusiner said

that they have pretty much eliminated the second possibility.

But all known living creatures, from the smallest to the largest, reproduce themselves through genes — the biological blueprints for future generations. When Prusiner told a meeting of biologists about a micro-organism that apparently replicated without genetic material, he said that "it blew their minds."

Baby size, death rate are linked

ATLANTA (LAT)—The relatively high percentage of tiny babies born in the United States appears to be the reason the United States does poorly when nations are ranked by their infant mortality rates, a new study indicates.

The United States has the 16th lowest international infant mortality rate, trailing Japan and other industrialized nations in Europe. J. David Erickson of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta and Tor Bjerkedal of the University of Oslo report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* on their comparison of infant mortality in the United States and in Norway, which has the world's fifth lowest mortality rate.

Erickson and Bjerkedal found that the proportion of all births between 1967 and 1976 weighing less than 5½ lbs. ranged from a high of 5.4 percent in Norway to a high of 7.5 percent for U.S. whites and 14.4 percent for U.S. blacks.

The researchers point out that infant deaths around the time of birth are much more likely if the infant weighs less than 5½ pounds.

According to the latest available statistics, Norway has an infant mortality rate of 9.2 deaths per 1,000 live births. The United States' rate is 14.1.

Why babies in the United States are likely to be born sooner or smaller than babies born in northern Europe or Japan is not known, an editorial in the same issue of the *Journal* states.

But, the editorial suggests that two reasons may be Sweden's high quality prenatal care available to everybody and extensive nationwide sex education.

Also, according to the editorial, there is a strong association between social class and infant mortality, with poorer mothers having the smaller babies that have a higher risk of death.

One indication of this appears to be implied by the difference in infant mortality rates between whites and blacks in the United States — 12.3 deaths per 1,000 live births for whites compared to 21.7 for blacks.

Another Look

Maritime life is like show business

"If the captain of the ship sets out from New York harbor with a plan of sailing north to Miami, 'Steady as you go!' will not be a sustainable policy, and that will be clear before the iceberg is sighted." — Herbert Stein, economist commenting on Reaganomics.

The ship's captain shook his head and smiled at the first mate. "This sure has been some voyage! But things ought to go smoothly from now on. As I've said before, maritime life is like show business: You have a hell of an opening, you coast through the middle, and you have a hell of a good close."

"I hope you're right, Captain Reagan," the first mate replied. "Anyway, things couldn't get much worse. Recently you've had to spend half your time plugging leaks. I wish you'd let the able-bodied seamen handle them."

The captain frowned briefly at the mention of leaks. "I'm repairing them personally so that I can find out where they come from," he said. "Some holes are caused by things we hit, but others are punched from the inside."

"I've told you many times before, captain, we have a very surly crew. There's a lot of hickering and backstabbing going on."

"No, first mate, there is no hickering or backstabbing going on. We are a very happy group." The captain chuckled. "You're such a pessimist!"

"One of the reasons," the first mate persisted, "is that no one can agree on where we are. It makes the crew nervous, not to mention the passengers."

"I get a lot of conflicting advice," the captain complained. "As you know, the second mate claims we aren't even in the Atlantic Ocean any more. That's absurd... Isn't it?"

"With all due respect, sir, the second mate is a nincompoop. His only previous experience was doing public relations work for boat shows. He even talked you into selling the compass."

"I've explained before," the captain said patiently, "that the crew on this ship has gone soft, and one of the reasons is that they have become dependent on gadgets like compasses and radar and so forth. Anyway, we needed the money to improve the first-class cabins."

"We need money, even more for tourist class," the first mate replied. "We've been trying your idea of putting eight in a cabin and as a result we're now less than a quarter full."

The captain shook his head amiably. "I guess I never will be able to get elementary economics through your head. That new system of mine saves a tremendous amount of money."

"But if people don't travel tourist class then our income will keep dropping and it won't matter how much we save!"

"It's a transition period," the captain said. "Look, I'll take care of my job and you take care of yours. Uh, what is yours, anyway?"

"I see to it that your orders are executed and that you are given all essential information."

"You haven't done very well on the second score," the captain said. "I've been criticized openly for making factual misstatements."

"Oh, you mean like the time you identified the Azores Islands as the Canaries? Or the time you said 'Hard to the port!' when you meant starboard, thereby sinking that fishing boat? Or the time —"

"That's enough, first mate. Most of our difficulties were caused by the previous captain, but now things are going very well — very well indeed."

The first mate marvelled at the captain's apparently unshakable bonhomie. He thought back on events since the captain took command: the leaks; the sinking of three other ships; the iceberg; innumerable knife fights; the third mate's conviction that the second mate was using "guerrilla warfare" against him; and the man thrown overboard by his fellow crew members — and listed as "presumed missing" in the captain's log.

At that moment there was a tremendous crunching noise, the ship shuddered, and sounds of shouting and hissing steam reached the bridge.

"Damn!" the captain said with a rueful shake of his head. "Another leak! You stay here while I go down to fix it."

"I'll bet it's Bermuda," he added as the first mate began emergency procedures. "Or maybe Iceland," he said while descending the companionway.

Sunday March 7:
The year of the irked dog

Beta and Calcium Blocker Differences



By Peter J. Steincrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I'm confused. What's the difference between these new heart drugs called beta blockers and calcium blockers that are supposed to be so effective in treating angina. — Mr. B.

Dear Mr. B.: Here's how calcium blockers help angina. They prevent calcium passing through into muscle cells.

When too much calcium is present it strengthens the contractions of the muscles in the blood vessels of the heart. This narrows the arteries, reducing blood flow — producing angina.

But when calcium blockers are used they allow these arteries to dilate, increasing blood flow and heart function.

Unlike the calcium blockers, the beta blocker drugs prevent the nervous system from increasing the heart rate and blood pressure. Your doctor will make the choice.

Beta blockers may produce fatigue and depression. They may interfere with the breathing in asthmatic patients.

Calcium blockers also may have side effects: headaches, dizziness and constipation.

But all these are small premiums to pay for the remarkable effectiveness of these new drugs.

Tomorrow Arab News will feature the "Cardiovascular Risk Factor Analysis" test on this page.

MEDICALETTES
(Replies to and from readers)

For Mrs. E.: Your rheumatologist will have to make the decision on whether or not you require gold treatment for your rheumatoid arthritis. About three out of four such patients obtain some benefit from the treatment. About 15 percent have a dramatic, favorable response.

The gold medication is injected into a muscle. Dosage is built up with weekly injections over a period of several months. But therapy-

utic effects may not be noticed until after three to four months of treatment.

About 30 percent of patients receiving gold may have complications such as skin rashes, mouth ulcers or severe anemia. Therefore, patients need to be monitored carefully. Fortunately, most side effects are mild.

For Mrs. U.: Yes, there is such a thing as taking too much vitamin A. Although it's possible to stunt a child's normal growth by not supplying sufficient vitamin A, it's also likely to do so if he or she is given too much vitamin A supplement.

The best way to help normal growth of your son is to be sure that his diet also contains a few glasses of milk daily, and generous amounts of yellow and green leafy vegetables.

For Mr. Y.: Walking barefooted occasionally will not weaken your arches. In fact, giving your feet a rest from constricting shoes as often as possible will help prevent such conditions as bunions, corns, hammer toes, ingrown toenails. Ask your podiatrist.

For Mr. P.: Eating a lot of raw onions may keep some of your friends away, but we know of no specific scientific proof that eating them will lower your blood cholesterol.

We've heard of some recent studies in India that onions lower cholesterol, but don't get careless with your fat intake simply because you take onions. At least, not until we know more about the effect of onions on blood cholesterol.

For Mrs. R.: We don't believe it's your imagination that makes you think your two-month-old daughter can recognize you at such an early age. Tests indicate that even tiny youngsters can distinguish mother and father from others.

Saturday March 6: Living in tension

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Kim's life term commuted

2,863 S. Koreans get amnesty

SEOUL, South Korea, March 2 (AP) — The South Korean government announced Tuesday an amnesty for 2,863 persons, including a reduction of sentence for leading dissident Kim Dae-Jung from life to 20 years in prison.

The announcement said President Chun Doo-hwan had decided to grant the amnesty "out of the conviction that the moment has come for all Koreans to unite even more firmly in the endeavor to unify Korea in the 1980s."

The action was taken as part of the observance Wednesday of the first anniversary of Chun's inauguration to a seven-year term.

Kim, now 56, was arrested in May, 1980, after an outburst of anti-government demonstrations in Seoul and other cities, and accused of plotting to overthrow the government by force. A military tribunal convicted him of sedition and sentenced him to death, bringing widespread protests from some quarters abroad.

The death sentence was commuted to life by the Chun government on Jan. 23, 1981, a few days before the South Korean President left for a summit meeting with U.S. President Ronald Reagan. The Washington meeting

brought pledges of continuing U.S. support for the Seoul government.

Kim, who had won strong support in South Korea as an opposition political leader, narrowly lost the presidential election to the late Park Chung-hee in 1971. Since his death sentence was commuted, he has been held in a prison at Choegju, 120 kms south of Seoul.

The announcement of the amnesty said it would benefit 298 persons involved in disorders in the closing days of the Park Chung-hee regime, in the Oct. 26, 1979, assassination of Park, and in an uprising in the southern city of Kwangju in May, 1980.

It said "all 17" of those still imprisoned in connection with the Kwangju incident would be granted clemency, including Chung Tong-Nyon, a former student accused of being a leader of the Kwangju demonstrators. His sentence was reduced from life to 20 years.

Family members of those imprisoned in connection with the Kwangju rebellion last week petitioned the National Assembly for their release. They said 29 persons, and perhaps three or four others, still were being held.

The government said of 13 persons imprisoned for what it termed "involvement in the

Kim Dae-Jung affair" would receive more lenient treatment. They included former Korean University Professor Lee Mun-Yong, whose 15-year sentence was reduced to eight years, Moon Ik-Hwan, a Christian minister, whose 10-year sentence was reduced to five years, poet Kob Eun-Tai, whose 10-year sentence was reduced by half, and Kim Sang-Hyon, former president of the Korean Political Culture Research Center, whose sentence was reduced from seven years to four.

Also covered by the amnesty was Kim Kye-Won, former chief secretary to Park Chung-hee who was accused of taking part in Park's assassination. His 20-year sentence was reduced to 10 years.

The government announcement said that of the total of 2,863 persons covered in Wednesday's amnesty, 1,419 were being granted special amnesty, 545 special commutations, 238 would have their civil rights restored, 514 would be released on parole, 132 would be released from juvenile reformatories on probation, and 15 were being granted special conditional release. It described 2,565 of the total number as "ordinary convicts and offenders."

"The anniversary amnesty is intended to promote pan-national participation in the building during the 1980s of a democratic state ensuring the well-being of all, as well as to enhancement of an atmosphere of reconciliation," the announcement said.

"This has been made possible by the restoration of stability in all areas through the concerted effort of the government and the people."

It said the amnesty was more extensive than any such past action, but added that still excluded were "those kinds of crime which must be relentlessly eradicated in order to achieve a just society." These, it said, included corrupt acts by public officials, organized crimes of violence, fraud, extortion and heinous crimes.

China announces bureaucratic cuts

PEKING, March 2 (R) — Premier Zhao Ziyang Tuesday announced plans for drastic cuts in China's 20-million-strong bureaucracy, including a halving in a number of government ministries and commissions. Zhao said the number of ministries, commissions and agencies under the state council would be slashed to 51 from 98 and staff working in these organizations would be reduced by one-third.

The premier, quoted by the New China News Agency (NCNA) from an address to the standing committee of China's parliament, the National People's Congress (NPC), said 12 ministries and commissions would be reduced to six in the first stage of the reforms, foreshadowed last December. NCNA did not say which ministries would be abolished.

It quoted Zhao as saying the number of ministries and vice ministers in the 12 ministries would be cut to 27 from 117, and those remaining will tend to be younger than the present incumbents.

Angry farmers storm French cheese factory

PARIS, March 2 (AFP) — Angry dairy farmers stormed a cooperative in central France Monday night to throw out some 140 workers who had been holding 1,200 tons of ractette hostage in the latest battle of France's cheese wars.

The episode came three weeks after cheese producers hired armed commandos to recover 700,000 Camemberts kidnapped by workers who fear their bosses could use a government plan for a 39-hour-work-week to deprive them of rest periods and other benefits.

Some 140 employees of the Riches-Monts dairy company at Brioude had struck for nine days to protest the work week issue, sparking fears by local producers that the ractette cheeses — valued at 33 million francs (\$5,500,000) — would not age gracefully and have to be written off. So 250 dairy farmers led a move to charge the plant Monday night, ousted the strikers and rescued their ranking investment.

BRIEFS

DAR ES SALAAM (R) — Kilimanjaro airport in northern Tanzania was closed Tuesday after a bomb was reported aboard an Air Tanzania Boeing 737 on an internal flight, airline officials said. The officials said the airport remained closed while the plane was searched, but gave no further details.

NEW DELHI (AP) — The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip, left here Tuesday morning for the island nation of Sri Lanka. The prince, husband of Queen Elizabeth II of Britain, is on a 10-nation tour in his capacity as head of the World Wildlife Fund.

TOKYO (AFP) — Kim Jong, II, son of North Korean President Kim Il Sung, ranked No. 4 in the list of deputies elected last Sunday to the Supreme People's Assembly. The placing of the junior Kim as No. 4 by the official (North) Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) provided evidence that the would be named vice president at a meeting of the Supreme People's Assembly expected to be held within a month as part of his father's apparent plan to make him his political heir, observers here said.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Eleven persons were killed and scores injured during violent hailstorms which swept through Uttar Pradesh state, according to reports received here Tuesday.

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet couple crashed their way into the U.S. Embassy in Moscow by car Tuesday in the latest of a series of such incidents, embassy officials said. The man and the woman, both apparently in their 30s, discussed undisclosed grievances with consular officials and after about five and a half hours left the embassy and drove off in a taxi.

BRESCIA, Italy (R) — An appeal court Tuesday acquitted all nine suspected Italian neo-fascists accused of a 1974 bombing which killed eight persons and injured over 100 at an anti-fascist rally.

Atlanta police close books on 23 killings

ATLANTA, Georgia, March 2 (AP) — With the conviction of Wayne B. Williams in the slayings of two young blacks, police have closed the books on 21 other slayings in a 22-month string of killings. Atlanta public safety commissioner Lee Brown said Monday. A special task force created in July 1980 to investigate the cases will be disbanded next Monday, Brown said.

"Do you believe Wayne Williams committed 23 murders?" Brown was asked. "Yes we do," said Brown, who made the announcement at a news conference with top law enforcement officers from federal, state, city and county agencies. The officials met for one hour and 20 minutes at the task force headquarters to make their decision.

"With the conviction of Wayne B. Williams, we have as a result cleared 23 cases, based upon the evidence," Brown said. Seven other cases will remain open but will be turned over to the ordinary jurisdictions involved, he said.

Williams, a 23-year-old black freelance photographer and aspiring talent promoter, was convicted of murder Saturday in the slayings of Nathaniel Cater, 27, and Jimmy Ray Payne, 21, the 26th and 27th victims on the task force list. He was sentenced to two life prison terms and has said he will appeal.

Fulton County district attorney Lewis Slaton and Dekalb County prosecutor Robert Wilson, in whose jurisdictions most of the cases lie, met with the police officials Monday and said no more indictments will be sought against Williams.

The task force list included the slayings of Cater, Payne and 26 other young blacks, as well as the disappearance of 10-year-old Darron Glass, who has never been found. In addition to those 29 cases, Brown said officials have "cleared" the case of John Howard Porter, 30, who was stabbed to death in April 1981 but was not added to the list.

The seven cases that remain open are those of Edward Hope Smith, Angel Laniel, Latonya Wilson, Milton Harvey, Jeffrey Mathis, Patrick Rogers and Glass, Brown said. He denied reports that young blacks fitting the profile of those on the task force list have slain since Williams' arrest last June. "There have been no killings unsolved that fit," he said.

Wife seeks separation from Yorkshire Ripper

LONDON, March 2 (AP) — Sonia Sutcliffe, wife of convicted Yorkshire Ripper murderer Peter Sutcliffe, is seeking a legal separation from her jailed husband, according to a petition filed in the London divorce court.

Her petition cites "unreasonable behavior" — a legal catchall for quick separations — by Sutcliffe, Britain's most notorious mass murderer of women. The petition is scheduled for a hearing Tuesday under simplified divorce court procedures. Mrs. Sutcliffe, 31, is not expected to attend.

Her 35-year-old truck-driver husband is serving a minimum 30-year jail term for brutally slaying 13 women and trying to kill another seven in a five-year string of attacks in northern England. He was arrested in January 1980.

U.S. analyst suggests 4 policies on Caribbean

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) — American interests in the Caribbean are not likely to sustain for long "policies and practices that contravene universal rules," says a U.S. expert on hemispheric relations. "Preferential policies that substantially hurt some other region important to the United States simply would not last," Abraham F. Lowenthal wrote in the current issue of *The Wilson Quarterly*.

Lowenthal directs the Latin American program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center here. The article was written before President Ronald Reagan announced his Caribbean basin initiative last week. "U.S. stakes in the Caribbean are fairly high," Lowenthal wrote, "but there is even more at stake outside the Caribbean."

"Taking a special interest in the economic and social health of the Caribbean countries is the right thing for the United States to do," he said. "At the same time, Washington should refrain from proclaiming a 'special relationship' and from promising 'regional preferences' that significantly contradict basic U.S. policies on trade, finance, immigration, and the like," Lowenthal added.

He said the United States has, in essence, four policies to choose from in its relationship with the Caribbean region. The first of these, "not now in vogue," is a traditional policy that "combines studied indifference to the Caribbean's underlying economic and social realities with keen sensitivity to potential threats to the military security of the United States." This policy, he said, seems attractive because it is cheap and simple but is shortsighted because it amounts to "putting out the fires while doing nothing to remove the inflammable material."

A second approach, he said, is to disengage from the region altogether and assume that the area is irrelevant and might fare better if left alone. This policy is not really feasible, he wrote, because the United States cannot withdraw from involvement with its border region by a unilateral act of will.

A third policy, he said, is the activist approach and is essentially the one pursued, in different ways, by the Carter and Reagan administrations. The two tenets of this policy, he said, are: "The United States must retain its special concern for the region's military security and political stability, and it must, at the same time, increase economic and technical aid to the Caribbean."

Focusing more attention and aid on the Caribbean gives Washington a certain leverage in the region. "Most Caribbean states are so small that even limited American assistance would go a long way. The timing is also good: Cuba's internal difficulties are growing, while general Caribbean trends are toward greater cooperation with the United States," he said.

The risks in this approach, Lowenthal wrote, include the creation of unrealistic expectations. Also, the U.S. may become too "interventionist." "Even assuming benign intent," he said, "active or covert U.S. pursuit of political goals could stifle local initiative or provoke nationalist reactions."

A fourth possible policy, he said, is the adoption of a sustained commitment to Caribbean development that "would emphasize underlying economic progress rather than immediate military security — concentrate on the long-term rather than the short-term — and tolerate diverse political and economic approaches."

This policy would involve large sums of money sent through multilateral rather than bilateral channels, he said, imaginative efforts to provide "non-aid" concessions, and a

scaling down by Washington of efforts to contain or reverse the Cuban revolution.

Drawbacks to this approach, he said, include dangers of exaggerated expectations, and inevitable tension between accepting any form of economic and social organization — even Cuba's — and reassuring domestic and foreign investors about the region's prospects. Furthermore, he added, the U.S. Congress is not likely to go along with such a "no-strings" commitment.

Lowenthal proposed a number of steps that could be taken by Washington to help the Caribbean area. These included: strengthening Caribbean agriculture, improving access to U.S. markets, stabilizing export earnings of countries dependent on one or two major products through stockpiling arrangements, helping to cope with hurricanes and other natural disasters, expanding tourism, promoting transfer of U.S. capital and technology, expanding "guest worker" programs, and helping with energy problems.

Salvador junta claims trapping of leftist forces

SAN SALVADOR, March 2 (AP) — Troops attempting to root out left-wing guerrillas entrenched along the slopes of the Guazapa volcano have killed 122 guerrillas during the past week, Defense Minister Gen. Jose Guillermo Garcia said Monday.

Garcia listed army casualties as nine killed and 23 wounded in the fighting at the mountain, 25 kms north of San Salvador. Guazapa is considered a guerrilla stronghold, with some areas having fortified tunnels and caves.

"The subversives are desperate and they are defending themselves as best as they can, but I can assure you that they are trapped," Garcia told reporters attending a military ceremony at the headquarters of the U.S.-trained Atlacatl battalion 24-kms east of the capital.

Military sources reported fighting continued around the volcano Monday, but gave no details. The army launched the operation a week ago after the guerrillas' clandestine station, Radio Venceremos, broadcast a report that a leftist political leader had gone to the town of Guazapa at the base of the volcano to "organize a popular insurrection."

Garcia said 18 companies with a total force of nearly 3,000 soldiers were battling the guerrillas with artillery and air support, including the use of bombs to collapse the tunnels. "Some of the tunnels are very well constructed," he said.

He estimated 400-600 guerrillas are opposing the government forces, and said they are armed with automatic rifles, grenades and grenade launchers, anti-tank rockets and 57mm recoilless rifles.

Garcia, junta President Jose Napoleon Duarte, U.S. Ambassador Deane R. Hinton and some of the 50 U.S. military advisers stationed in El Salvador attended the ceremony commemorating the founding of the Atlacatl battalion.

In an unrelated incident near San Agustín, three members of a U.S. television news crew were wounded, possibly by a land mine. Doug Davenport, Alan Stecher of the NBC network and their Salvadoran driver, Adan Garcia, received flesh wounds from bullet or shrapnel fragments and windshield glass.

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Bowing to West's pressure**Japan hints at steps to ease trade friction**

TOKYO, March 2 (R) — Japan will work out new measures to curb growing trade friction before meeting its major trading partners at the summit of industrialized nations in France next June, Chief Cabinet secretary Kiichi Miyazawa said Tuesday.

He was speaking to reporters after a cabinet meeting at which Japanese ministers were told that any delay in such steps could lead to a collapse of the international free trade system.

The head of a Japanese trade mission to Washington last week, Masumi Esaki, told the cabinet that U.S. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said the time for negotiations has passed and Japan must act now.

The high-level mission returned last Saturday after failing to win U.S. approval for recent moves to open up the Japanese market

to imports. Japan has come under increasing criticism for not going far enough in measures to open the Japanese market to imports, and recent moves to dismantle non-tariff barriers received only scant welcome from the West.

Esaki will lead another mission to the European Economic Community (EEC) March 10 to push further for support to head off legislation now pending in the U.S. Congress for trade restrictions.

The possible legislation is aimed at cutting Japan's massive trade surplus with the U.S. which according to the Washington figures, reached a record surplus in Japan's favor last year of \$18 billion.

With the Japanese cabinet divided on the issue, there is still no clear indication of what Japan will do next to smooth troubled trade relations with West.

UAW, car units set for talks

CHICAGO, March 2 (R) — The United Auto Workers union (UAW), which has agreed on a new-style labor contract with the Ford Motor Company, now faces fresh bargaining with two other big car-makers and business experts have said the U.S. industry may be in for important changes.

The experts said Monday the Ford pact, ratified overwhelmingly Sunday by the workers, is likely to halt spiralling car prices and set a pattern for future contracts with Ford's chief domestic rivals.

Ford workers agreed to renounce wage rises, paid days off and cost-of-living increases for two and half years in return for greater job security and guaranteed income to long-time employees who are laid off.

Arvid Jouppe, a leading car industry analyst with the Detroit office of the Colin Hochenstein brokerage house, said Ford's new UAW contract will save it \$900 million to \$1.10 billion in the next 31 months by cutting labor costs for the average car assembler by \$1.50 to \$18.50 an hour. He expected the UAW to negotiate new agreements with General Motors and American Motors later this month.

U.S. rules out impact of Libya oil ban

WASHINGTON, March 2 (R) — A possible ban by the Reagan administration on oil imports from Libya would have little impact on U.S. supplies or prices, according to an American government study released.

President Ronald Reagan has alleged that Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi fostered terrorism and subversion in the Middle East and Africa, and U.S. officials said a decision on an oil cutoff would be made within about a month.

The study by the General Accounting Office (GAO), a congressional watchdog agency, said imports from Libya were small and the worldwide oil glut, resulting from conservation and economic decline, would last until at least the end of this year. The GAO said that if the administration banned Libyan imports, oil companies probably would reallocate Libyan supplies originally bound for

the United States to other buyers. The gap then would be filled with non-Libyan oil. "This exchange would have little net effect on U.S. oil supplies or prices," the report said.

U.S. oil imports have been declining for about a year as high prices prompted conservation and the general economic recession led to slackened demand from industry. The American Petroleum Institute (API), an industry trade group, estimated that U.S. imports, including finished products, totalled 5.3 million barrels a day in January.

The API does not have so recent a breakdown on the amount of oil imported from each country but it estimated that between January and October of 1981, imports from Libya averaged about 360,000 barrels a day, or about six percent of the total.

Tin council may impose export curbs

LONDON, March 2 (AFP) — The international tin council will meet in special session here Monday to arrange for contributions to the buffer stock fund, it was announced Tuesday.

The decision to hold this emergency council was taken at a heads of delegation meeting Monday called hastily after last week's collapse of the tin market.

The council's buffer stock manager, who has already stock buying on the market to support prices, will be calling for the remaining contributions in cash from members which should enable him to buy a further 15,000 tons, delegate sources said.

The imposition of export controls on producers will also be examined, it is understood.

In addition, there will be discussion on whether the U.S. authorities should be asked to stop sales of tin from their strategic stockpile during this period of market weakness.

The latest series of stockpile sales commenced in July 1981 with the intention of selling 10,000 tons of tin a year over the following three years. So far about 7,000 tons have been sold.

On Monday, the price of a metric ton of tin for immediate delivery fell 105 pounds (\$ 191.10) over Friday's close on the London Metal Exchange to finish at 7,035 pounds (\$12,803.70) a metric ton, the equivalent of \$8.1 a pound. Since its high of 8,985 pounds in mid-February, the metal has fallen 1,950 pounds a metric ton.

French shares stage recovery

PARIS, March 2 (AFP) — French shares behaved irregularly in stock exchange trading here Tuesday. The index declined and then recovered.

Dealers said business volume was less than of late and that the market seemed uncertain what attitude to adopt. The recession seemed to be biting in the United States, causing hesitation on Wall Street. This led to a measure of profit-taking in Paris.

Beghin-Say lost three percent, BIC, Moulinex and Locindus 1.5 percent. Generale de Fonderie picked up 5.6 percent and Schneider six percent.

U.S. sees bid to curb interest rates failing

NEW YORK, March 2 (AFP) — European central banks would be wasting their time and money if they attempted massive intervention to protect their currencies against United States interest rates, Beryl Sprinkel, treasury under-secretary charged with monetary affairs, was reported as saying Monday. Sprinkel was commenting in a *Wall Street Journal* interview on the stated intention of Western European countries to support their currencies.

China resorts to the big lie

LONDON, March 2 (ONS) — The big lie is giving way to honesty in China's reporting of industrial development, a change laid down by Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping, whose own statements are notable for their realism.

Disasters and shortages are no longer automatically pinned on the Gang of Four, 'class enemies,' or 'saboteurs.' Instead, the blame is laid on 'Left mistakes in our guiding thought.'

Chairman Mao is now held to have shunted the economy on to the wrong track in 1958, when the currently discredited communes were established. Occasionally the party even holds itself responsible for past errors and present difficulties.

In a recent *Peking Review*, the economics editor notes the country's great achievements in construction since the 1949 Communist victory, but concedes the existence of 'poor economic results.' Consumption and waste are so heavy, he contends, that current industrial profits are a third less than in the great year of 1957. Twenty-two of China's 55 major industrial products failed in 1980 to meet their own highest standards.

'Sluggish circulation and stockpiling' tie up vast sums, the report says, limiting the funds available for investment, for which returns are in any event low. Construction costs and building time have doubled since 1957. At the end of 1981, Premier Zhao Ziyang pointed to the crisis in oil and coal production, and to the tremendous fuel waste in which China

is a world leader. Efficiency in fuel use is lower by half than in 1957.

The report calls attention to the remedies now in train: scaling down capital construction, re-emphasizing agriculture, and investing in the consumer sector. The editor draws attention as well to 'regulation through the market,' which means limited competition between industries and regions, and official stimulus of the peasants' private efforts.

Figures released last year by the Shanghai *World Economics Guide* must deepen Peking's gloom: 150 million Chinese cannot read, 10 million more than the previous year. The great majority of school children are at least two years below standard, and 80 percent of 21 million sampled urban workers were found to be of only primary school 'cultural level.' Ten percent of Shanghai's industrial workers — among China's most skilled — are illiterate.

Only 2.4 percent of China's 18 million cadres or bureaucrats are professionally qualified, a terrible liability in a country striving to modernize its economy.

The Shanghai report underlined that China's low population growth of only 1 percent a year is already too high. All plans for the future, no matter how modest, will founder and all painfully won gains will vanish if the growing 1,000 million population continues to gobble up production before it can be reinvested.

Russia, Poland vow to bolster trade relations

MOSCOW, March 2 (AFP) — Soviet and Polish leaders decided here to adopt "new concrete measures" to increase their trade and cultural ties, *Tass* has reported.

The official Soviet news agency said Monday Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev informed Polish Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski about "concrete questions concerning the perfecting of Soviet democracy and carrying out the Communist Party's social and economic program."


General Jaruzelski defined the 'main aspects of the struggle to consolidate party unity in Poland and stressed his people's friendship for the Russians.

Gen. Jaruzelski pledged in a Kremlin speech that Poland "will not stray from the path of socialism" or become its "weak link." He stressed that his decision to impose martial law was reached "independently and in sovereign fashion."

U.K. lends Egypt \$13m

LONDON, March 2 (R) — The British government Tuesday offered Egypt an interest-free loan of 7.5 million sterling (\$13.4 million) to develop a phosphate mine.

The government's overseas development administration said the mining project at west Sabayia in Upper Egypt could generate 20 million sterling (\$36.7 million) worth of orders for British-made equipment.



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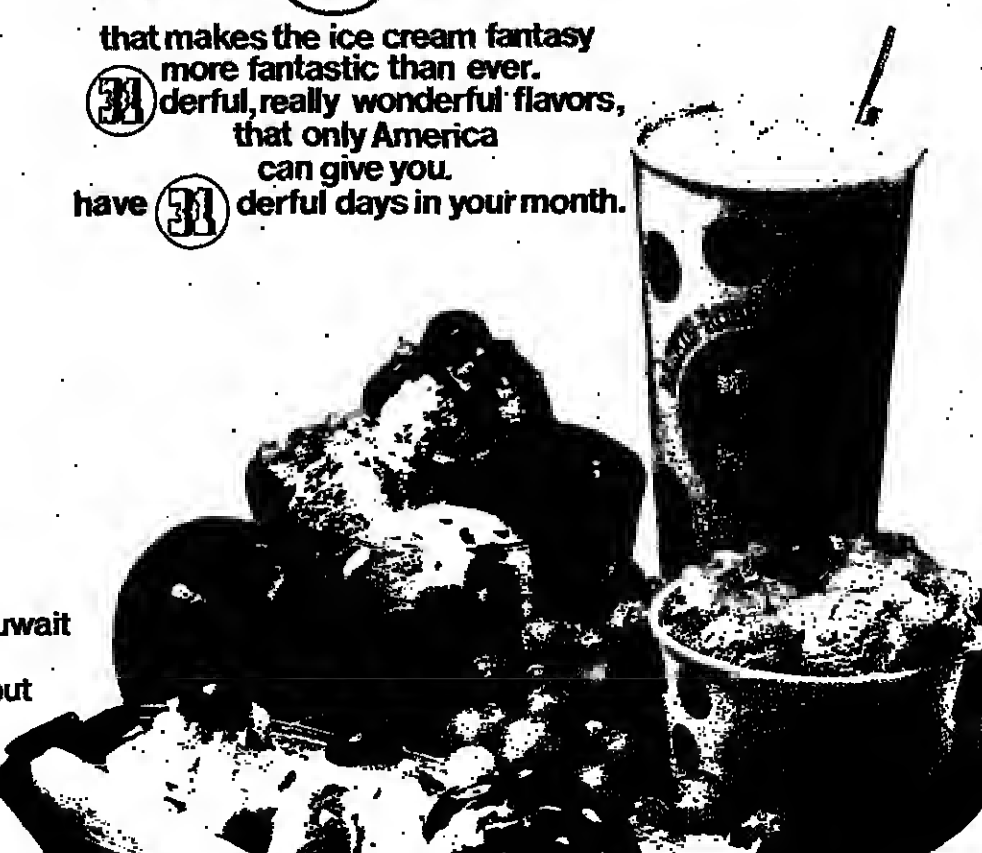
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Unfit for consumption**India left holding the wheat sacks**

NEW DELHI, March 2 (AFP) — Indian agricultural experts are in a fix over some 750,000 tons of wheat imported from Australia which contains a deadly insecticide making it unfit for human consumption.

Indian officials who negotiated the deal were said to be aware of the presence of a high percentage of insecticide in the Australian wheat, but they said it would be processed to eliminate any adverse effects.

But now the Indians have realized that treatment of such large quantities was not feasible, the English-language daily *Statesman* said Monday.

Nearly 500,000 tons of wheat have already arrived in India. Another 200,000 tons are at sea, and 50,000 tons are to be shipped soon, the paper said.

"Surprise is now being expressed here as to why the Indian team agreed to contract such wheat when Australian authorities had

made no secret of it," the paper said.

Laboratory tests showed that fenitrothion insecticide was mixed with the wheat at a ratio of five to eight milligrams per kilo against a normally tolerated level of .02 milligram per kilo, the *Statesman* said, quoting informed sources.

The Indian argument was that the wheat would be washed properly, made into flour and then baked to make bread or similar items, at a very high temperature—a process which would erase the poisonous effects of the insecticide.

"But the Indians realized that such a treatment of large quantity of wheat was not feasible and they are said to be in a fix about the wheat," the *Statesman* said.

Experts have also ruled out suggestions that the wheat should be stored for some time so that the effects of the insecticide wore off or blended with other wheat.

The Australian High Commission here

neither confirmed nor denied the newspaper report, but said it had asked for details from its government.

"We have sent telegrams," Robert Curtis, first secretary for information, said. He added that the Australian Wheat Board had been given to believe that the wheat was intended to help build a buffer stock in India and not for immediate consumption.

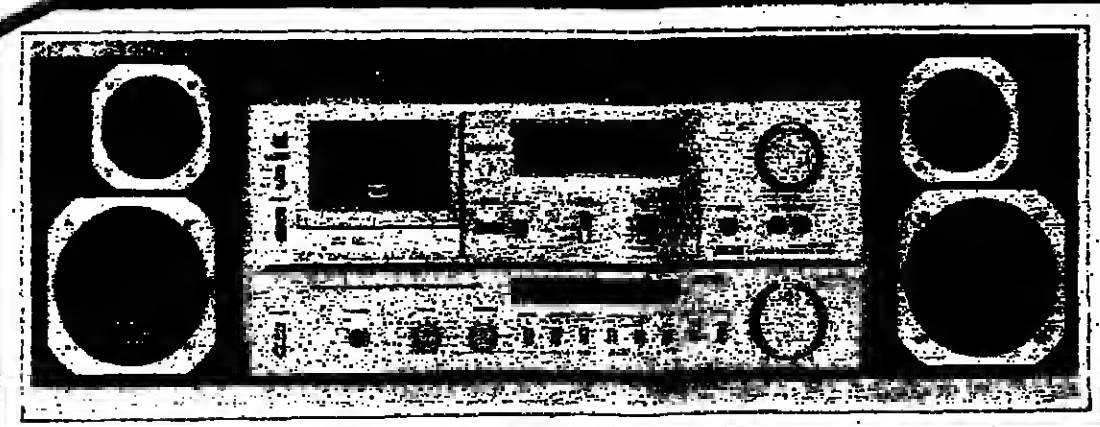
Meanwhile, informed sources said that if India decided in the end not to use the Australian wheat, it would have to resort to more imports from other countries.

Even if the present crop was successful, it is estimated that at the beginning of April the government will have a stock of only 3.44 million tons of wheat, 6.87 million tons of rice and other coarse grains—well short of the federal government's buffer stock policy of having 12 million tons above the operational stocks of 3.5 million to 3.8 million tons.

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Recession persists, Reagan aide says

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) — The broadest gauge of future U.S. economic health fell for the ninth straight month in January, indicating, in the words of U.S. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, "that the recession has yet to run its course."

However, Baldrige and several private economists said Monday that recovery could still arrive by late spring or early summer, especially if interest rates continue their recent decline.

The Commerce Department's index of leading indicators dropped 0.6 percent in January and would have fallen nearly five times as much if officials had not deleted effects of a sharply reduced average workweek, a figure they said was distorted by severe weather.

But Baldrige noted that January's announced decline — and the 0.3 percent drops of November and December — were much smaller than those of last autumn. And he said, "the fact that the indicators were on the minus side in January is not inconsistent with forecasts of a second quarter recovery in the economy."

Initially, the government had said that the index rose 0.6 percent. Administration officials had cited the figure as evidence that the worst of the recession was over.

Commerce Department Chief Economist Robert Ortner told Reuters in an interview that the drop did not mean the economy could not turn up in the spring, but said that high interest rates had clouded the future economic outlook.

Alan Greenspan, an outside economic adviser to the administration, told the Senate Budget Committee he believes the recovery will begin soon.

With inflation falling

Turkish economy looking up

ANKARA, March 2 (AFP) — The Turkish economy has begun "a period of expansion" for the first time in three years, Turkey's Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry said in its latest report.

The union attributed the improvement, which began last year, to a "spectacular" success in the fight against inflation, growth in the gross national product (GNP), higher exports and a lower trade deficit.

It said inflation fell from more than 100 percent in 1980 to about 35 percent last year, and added that the 1982 target was 25 percent.

Observers noted, however, that the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) had quoted somewhat less spectacular figures — an inflation rate cut from 150 percent in 1980 to 55 percent last year.

The report made no mention of worsening unemployment, which has now reached 17.7 percent of the 17.5 million active population.

Although there were an official 3.1 million people out of work at the end of last year, a university report here put the real figure at five million, taking account of underemployment and seasonal unemployment.

The union's report said the GNP grew 4.4 percent last year in real terms against 0.3 percent in 1979 and 1.1 percent in 1980. Industrial output grew 7.2 percent, but farm output managed a bare 0.4 percent growth.

It said exports grew 6 percent to \$4.7 billion against imports worth \$8.8 billion, of which industrial products accounted for 60 percent and primary products, including oil, the remaining 40 percent.

At the same time, the meowing flow of foreign exchange from Turkish workers abroad grew nearly 24 percent to \$2.5 billion, helping to produce a healthy growth in gold and foreign exchange reserves.

The union blamed the 1980 inflation rate — the highest since World War II — for the drastic fall in savings, investments, exports and general production that had Turkey struggling in an economic morass at the start of the decade.

According to the report, the stability induced by the country's military government since it seized power in September 1980 had played an important part in getting the economy moving again. Economic remedies had only begun to show results last year because of "too many problems that accumulated over the long years", it said.

Labor sets poser to Thatcher

LONDON, March 2 (R) — Britain's opposition Labor Party Tuesday urged the government to abandon its economic strategy and put forward its own plan for a multi-billion-sterling boost to the economy.

Labor's spokesman on economic affairs, Peter Shore, announced the plan one week before the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Geoffrey Howe, presents his annual budget. He said the nine-billion-sterling (\$16.5-billion) scheme would create 500,000 new jobs in a year.

Labor's eventual target is 2.5 million new jobs in five years, thus reducing dole queues to less than one million. Unemployment is

now more than three million.

Shore, in a detailed declaration of labor's economic thinking, said that for three years Britain had slid steadily down the slope of economic decline and many people had experienced the humiliation of unemployment for the first time.

"Yet not the least affront to which the British people have been subjected is to be repeatedly lectured that there is no alternative to the very policies which are accelerating the pace of decline," Shore said, adding: "It is not true. There is an alternative. It can work and we must make it work."

The scheme proposed by labor include: one billion sterling (\$1.85 billion) on capital projects, including construction and transport, 3.5 billion sterling (\$6.5 billion) on the welfare state, pensions and job training, 4.5 billion sterling (\$8.3 billion) on measures to reduce industry's costs, including cuts in sales and payroll taxes. Labor would also cut interest rates, allow sterling to depreciate, restore exchange controls, tax banks, raise income tax thresholds and increase taxes paid by higher income earners.

Shore, acknowledging inflationary pressures, said the proposals would produce a five percent rise in economic output and a 2.5 percent increase in inflation. But inflation would still be less than the present rate of 12 percent, he said.

Unions seek job-oriented policies

PARIS, March 2 (AFP) — Trade unions of the industrial world are to plead with Western governments for a basic shift in economic policy to meet the mounting challenges of mass unemployment, union officials said Tuesday.

Unions of the member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) want an end to the restrictive economic policies employed to fight inflation after the "oil shocks" of the 1970s.

They are pushing instead for policies that will stimulate growth and investment in order to curb joblessness which they believe is topping the 30 million mark in the OECD area as a whole.

The OECD forecast last December that the jobless total would rise to 28.5 million by the end of this year, with a jobless rate of around 10 percent in Western Europe.

"Inflation is the real problem, but unemployment is the number one problem," a European union official said on the eve of a two-day conference of OECD labor and social officials.

The views of OECD unions representing 60 million workers will be given Wednesday to the conference chairman, Dutch Deputy Premier and Labor Minister Joop Dev Uyl, by the Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC), the unions' liaison body with the OECD.

Dev Uyl will be accompanied by the four vice chairmen of the conference, labor ministers Jean Airoix of France, N.A. Brown of Australia, Raymond J. Donovan of the United States and Ingemar Welfafson of Sweden. The ministerial conference members will discuss policies, unemployment in the shorter term and ways of promoting "a dynamic land-adaptable labor market".

In the longer term, however, TUAC Chairman Len Art Bodstrom of the Swedish TCO union will insist that unemployment will find no end unless governments modify their macro-economic stance. He stresses that mere tinkering with the labor market will fall well short of what is needed. Bodstrom will be joined by the Dutch chairman of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), and by representatives of North American, European and Japanese unions.

TUAC-affiliated unions consider that restrictive or deflationary policies must be revised.

"Cutting government expenditure is self-defeating. It creates a spiral of more unemployment and increasing government deficits, a TUAC official said.

The TUAC maintains that the alternative to this "vicious circle" is to stimulate investment to spur growth and create more jobs, which will in turn lead to higher tax revenues.

Financial Roundup

Dollar rates lose ground

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 2 — After recording the highest levels yet against the major currencies Monday in Europe, the American dollar fell back in New York on Monday night and traded much weaker Tuesday. Dealers were at a loss to pinpoint the reasons for the sudden switch around which saw the dollar lose some significant ground, especially to the German mark and the yen.

The British pound too made a recovery from 1.8060 levels to 1.8290 on Tuesday. European dealers pointed out that a major factor could have been the decisive intervention moves by the major European central banks — especially the Bundesbank — in support of their national currencies. Secondly, and probably of more immediate importance, was the large scale profit-taking that took place from New York Monday-night trading onwards. Dealers began to perceive the dollar as having been over-valued and some position cutting was reported.

Eurodollar deposit rates also fell back by between 1/8 to 1/4 percent at the most but the general feeling was that it was too early in the week to forecast how the dollar would perform.

In the hullion markets, gold made a slight rally to trade at \$362 levels from \$358 on Monday. Trading was thin and nervous though with European dealers closely monitoring gold's movements in the far-East and European markets.

In the money markets, dollar interest rates fell back Tuesday to take the medium term three-month deposit to 14 1/2 — 14 3/4 percent compared with 15 — 15 1/4 percent Monday. Similar falls were registered in the short and long tenors with the one-months now quoted at 14 1/2 — 14 3/4 percent. The

markets however, were cautious in their outlook pointing out to a "Fed funds" rate of 14 1/2 percent in New York Monday night, indicating that the American central bank at least was sticking to its tight monetary policy.

In the exchanges, the German mark benefited from Bundesbank support to trade at 2.3600 and even 2.3520 on Tuesday compared with 2.3980 on Monday. The British pound picked up more than one cent to trade at 1.8260 compared with 1.8020, while the French franc was similarly volatile, registering a gain of 6.0500 levels with 6.1100 on Monday.

In other currency news, the Japanese yen was stronger at 236.20 as was the Swiss Franc at 1.8760 compared with 1.9010 on Monday.

The dollar's fall in the European bourses did not affect the local markets, with spot rial-dollar rates hardly moving from 3.4202—10 levels for most of the day. Some demand was generated at 3.42203 levels but that was moderate according to Jeddah dealers. They did note however, that rial deposit levels eased back by between 1/4 to 1/2 percent, taking the one-month level to 12 1/2 — 13 percent and the one-year level to 13 1/4 — 13 3/4 percent. The week-fixed deposit was also "easier" at 12 1/4 — 12 1/2 percent compared with 12 1/2 — 13 1/4 percent Monday. Trading Tuesday was thin and hanks reported that most quotes were for indication purposes only.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):	
London	359.75
Paris	359.27
Frankfurt	364.99
Zurich	362.50
Hong Kong	362.54

West raps Poland for delay

FRANKFURT, March 2 (AFP) — Poland's 501 Western bank creditors have rebuked Warsaw by telegram for still not having settled its arrear interest bill due last year, informed sources said here Tuesday.

Banking sources confirmed that the signing of an accord to reschedule Poland's debts that were due for repayment last year has been postponed indefinitely. The accord was scheduled to be signed on Thursday.

The telegram, sent at the end of last month, was addressed to Polish Finance Minister Marian Krzak and Poland's external commerce bank. It said that Feb. 22 Poland still owed "at least \$75 million" in arrear interest.

The telegram reminded Warsaw that settlement of the bill was a pre-condition for rescheduling debts totalling \$2,400 million due in 1981 that were not guaranteed by Western governments.

Meanwhile in Washington, the Romanian Embassy said Monday that Romania has paid the U.S. government the \$5.8 million it owed for past purchases of American farm products.

The embassy issued a brief statement saying the money was paid at the weekend after demands by the U.S. State Department that Romania bring its payments up to date immediately. U.S. officials confirmed that the payment had been received.

The failure of Romania to make the payments last week resulted in reimbursement by the U.S. government of two American banks for the money owed, and raised fresh questions about the financial position of East European countries.

Poland has been the most hard pressed of the East bloc countries and was unable to pay \$71 million it owed in January for past purchases of U.S. agricultural commodities.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Short-term United States treasury bond interest rates appear to have stabilized, at least for the moment, official sources said here Tuesday. Tuesday's treasury bond adjudication brought interest rates very close to those of the previous adjudication Feb. 22. Three-month rates were set at 12.45 percent against 12.43 percent, and six-month rates at 12.78 percent against 12.69 percent.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — A tidal power project is planned in the Gulf of Kutch, north west India, Junior Energy Minister Vikram Mahajan told Parliament Tuesday. The \$2,500,000 scheme was in the planning stage, and French technology may be used, he said.

NAIROBI (AFP) — A Nairobi businessman, Muhammad Iqbal Kurji Meghji, was Tuesday jailed for seven years by a magistrate's court here after admitting attempting to smuggle the equivalent of more than 250,000 shillings (\$25,000) in a wide range of currencies out of Kenya.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — General Tire and Rubber Company announced it would close down its Akron plant this year. This factory, set up as long ago as 1915, makes conventional tires, demand for which has steadily declined. Initial estimates are that the closure will cost the firm \$45 million. A few of the 1,260 workers may find work in other company plants.

LONDON (AFP) — China is reported to have bought 100,000 tons of raw sugar from various sources for fairly prompt shipment, trade sources said here Tuesday. It is understood that the purchase, the largest by the Chinese so far this week, has been spread over producers in Australia, the Philippines and Thailand. But no prices were mentioned.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday		Cash	Transfer
SAMA			
Bahraini Dinar		9.05	9.08
Bangladesh Taka		—	15.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)		—	—
Canadian Dollar		—	280.00
Denmark Mark (100)		144.25	144.10
Dutch Guilder (100)		131.50	131.25
Egyptian Pound		3.47	3.82
Emirate Dirham (100)		93.00	93.20
French Franc (100)		56.75	56.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)		—	55.85
Indian Rupee (100)		—	36.90
Iranian Rial (100)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar		27.00	26.90
Italian Lira (10,000)		—	14.45
Japanese Yen (1,000)		9.92	9.83
Jordanian Dinar		12.05	12.01
Kuwaiti Dinar		71.30	71.10
Lebanese Lira (100)		57.75	60.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)		—	31.65
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	41.65
Philippines Peso (100)		6.28	6.24
Pound Sterling		94.00	94.10
Qatari Rial (100)		—	162.00
Singapore Dollar (1,000)		—	33.20
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		182.50	182.00
Swiss Franc (100)		58.00	63.50
Syrian Lira (100)		—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)		3.429	3.422
U.S. Dollar		75.00	74.90
Yemeni Rial (100)		—	—

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Tracy opts out of Avon tourney

LOS ANGELES, California, March 2 (AP) — Tracy Austin, the top seed in the \$150,000 Avon Championships of Los Angeles, was forced to withdraw from the women's tennis tournament Monday because of burns suffered when boiling water was spilled on her over the weekend.

Austin, 19, said a restaurant employee dropped a pot of boiling water on her left arm and stomach. She said she could not play because the burns on her arm were too painful. The incident occurred Saturday night in nearby Torrance.

Austin hasn't played in six weeks because of a back injury. It was announced that she should be able to return to action within a week. The only seeded player scheduled for first-round singles action Monday was eighth-seeded Sue Barker of Great Britain, who was stated to meet Claudia Kohde of West Germany at night.

In afternoon matches, Pam Teeguarden defeated Ann Hendrickson 6-4, 6-0; Kate Latham outlasted Eva Pfaff of West Germany 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; Leight Anne Thompson topped Julie Harrington 6-7, 6-2, 6-1; Bonnie Gadusek whipped Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia 6-4, 6-2, and Ann Kiyomura eliminated Candy Reynolds 6-1, 6-1.



TACKLES: Arsenal's Chris Whyte (left) tackles Swansea's Leighton James, who is poised to center the ball. The First Division clash ended in the Welsh side's favor last Saturday.

European Cup soccer

Bayern takes field without key men

LONDON, March 2 (R) — Bayern Munich of West Germany will be without three vital men when it continues its bid for a fourth European Soccer Cup success in Romania Wednesday night.

General manager Uli Hoenes, a member of West Germany's 1974 World Cup winning side, has remained in Munich recovering from serious injuries he received when a light aircraft in which he was flying crashed near Handover recently. Hoenes was advised not to travel by his doctor and will watch the quarterfinal first-leg tie against Universitatea Craiova live on television at home.

His younger brother Dieter, who scored a hat-trick against Benfica of Portugal in the last round, will hope to aid Hoenes' speedy recovery by staying on the goal trail. Top goalkeeper Walter Junghans and international midfielder Kurt Niedermayer are also missing from the party. Junghans, who has a

broken cheekbone, and Niedermayer, who is suffering from pulled ligaments, both missed Bayern's 3-1 win over Eintracht Braunschweig on Saturday, a victory which left the three-time European Cup winners two points clear at the top of the West German Bundesliga.

Red Star Belgrade of Yugoslavia is another side with injury worries. It must tackle Belgian champions Anderlecht in Brussels without the inspirational Vladimir Petrovic. Red Star manager Branko Stankovic has described the loss of Petrovic, club and national captain, as "a catastrophe."

The Yugoslavs, who have made a disastrous start in the league after the three-month winter shutdown, will also be without midfielder Cvjetin Blagojevic and striker Nedeljko Milosavljevic. Anderlecht, one of the dark horses for the Champions' Cup this season, has no injuries although international defen-

der Michel Renhuin will miss the tie through suspension.

The Belgians, conquerors of Italian giants Juventus in the last round, will be strengthened by the return of midfielder general Ludo Coeck, who has been on the sidelines for several months with a knee injury. English champions Aston Villa has problems of a different sort in Imferopol in the Soviet Union where it takes on Dynamo Kiev.

Villa is finding it hard to adjust to the freezing Crimean winter although they have overcome the unaccustomed hotel menu by taking a plentiful supply of steaks, bread and chocolate with them.

Holder Liverpool, who is aiming to extend England's hold on the trophy to six years, have only the problem of complacency to overcome against Bulgarian visitors CSKA Sofia. The two clubs clashed at the same stage last year, Liverpool running out 6-1 winners on aggregate. CSKA can console itself that Liverpool captain Graeme Souness is unlikely to repeat his memorable first-leg hat-trick of last season.

The quarterfinal first legs in Europe's two other club competitions, the Cup-Winners' and UEFA Cups, will also be staged Wednesday. Cup-Winners' Cup holders Dynamo Tbilisi will be without midfield maestro David Kipiani, still recovering from a broken leg, against Legia Warsaw in Poland.

The pairings

European Football Cup quarterfinals, first-leg, Wednesday:
Club Champions Cup:
Liverpool (England) vs CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria)
Univ. Craiova (Romania) vs Bayern Munich (West Germany)
Dynamo Kiev (USSR) vs Aston Villa (England)
Anderlecht (Belgium) vs Red Star (Yugoslavia)
Cup Winners Cup:
Tottenham (England) vs Frankfurt (West Germany)
Legia Warsaw (Poland) vs Dynamo Tbilisi (USSR)

Standard Liege (Belgium) vs FC Porto (Portugal)
Lokomotiv Leipzig (East Germany) vs Barcelona (Spain)
UEFA Cup:
Real Madrid (Spain) vs Kaiserslautern (West Germany)
Valencia (Spain) vs Goeteborg (Sweden)
Hamburg (West Germany) vs Neuchâtel Xamax (Switzerland)
Dundee United (Scotland) vs Radnicki Nis (Yugoslavia)
The return leg will be played Wednesday, March 17.

Spain caught in a dilemma

MADRID, March 2 (AFP) — Spanish organizers of the 1982 World Football Cup, caught between the desire to pack their stadiums and minimize outbreaks of hooliganism, have settled on a recipe for ticket distribution which looks to be giving everyone, organizers included, an upset stomach.

Three months and a half from kickoff, how to procure a seat at football's singlemost dramatic tournament has become the subject of loud debate in Spain and elsewhere, as organizers struggle to make the event a contained success.

For Raimundo Saporta, president of the Cup organizing committee, the specter of the 1980 European Championship in Italy looms large. There, visiting teams played to empty stadiums, while local fans had to battle it out whenever Italy was scheduled to play. To prevent a similar disaster, Saporta stands firm in his decision to limit Spanish consumption of tickets to a strict 35 percent of the total.

Of that 35 percent, 10 percent will be available at the gates just a few weeks before the opening of the tournament to preempt the sale of counterfeit tickets — which according to Saporta has already been prepared by the "international mafia."

The remaining 25 percent of Spain's ticket allotment is split among the Spanish Football Federation, local clubs, and city governments whose stadiums are being used. Spanish fans are disgruntled with their 35 percent, and already fighting it out among themselves for what everyone claims is his fair share.

For example, Barcelona, one of the most powerful clubs in Spain, counts 100,000 members but merits only 12,000 tickets for the opening match, Argentina vs Belgium, on June 13. As clubs in turn have been forced to adopt arbitrary methods to get their members past the gates. A necessity in a country where you know counts for just about everything. Drawing lots, and membership seniority are among the solutions practiced.

Meanwhile, distribution of the remaining

Frankfurt marathon attracts Emil Zatopek

FRANKFURT, West Germany, March 2 (R) — Emil Zatopek, Czechoslovak triple gold medalist at the 1952 Olympics, will take part in a marathon race in Frankfurt in May, the S.I.D. sports news agency reported Monday.

Zatopek, 60 later this year, is one of 5,000 entrants organizers expect to participate in the May 23 Frankfurt-Hochst Marathon — 2,000 more than in last year's inaugural race. The organizers told a news conference that Tony Sandoval, winner of the U.S. 1980 Olympic Qualifying marathon, was virtually certain to be among the starters.

Zatopek, winner of the 10,000 meters gold medal at the 1948 London Olympics, completed an unmatched athletics refile at the 1952 Helsinki Games when he won the 5,000, 10,000 and marathon.

65 percent of Cup tickets — to tourists and foreign football federations — has hit unexpected snags. "Mundiespana," a special consortium of travel agents and hotel chains, is in charge of tourist sales. The purchase of any ticket is linked to a minimum hotel reservation of 14 nights — a decision directly aimed at young British fans, whose unfortunate behavior abroad has forced organizers to craftiness.

But craftiness can backfire, organizers have learned. If a 14-night hotel requirement can limit the chances of hooliganism, it also appears to have quashed enthusiasm all around. So far, only 1,500 French have signed up for Spain, and 4,000 Britons. In Kuwait, with per capita incomes among the highest in the world, the hotel formula has met with slightly more success: 5,000 takers.

Now "Mundiespana" are considering lowering the requirement to four nights, if there are still tickets left over by mid-May. Organizers haven't yet found an answer to the first dilemma: What happens when a match is sold out but blocks of seats remaining.

Defiant RCL thwarts EPCL's bid for outright victory

By a Staff Writer

AL-KHOBAR, March 2 — The Saulex Oval was alive with excitement as the tussle between the bat and the ball swung tantalizingly last Friday.

The outcome remained inconclusive as the time ran out, and the inaugural Inter-Province Cricket "Test" ended in a pulsating draw after two days of battle between the Eastern Province Cricket League (EPCL) and the Riyadh Cricket League (RCL).

EPCL won the Saudi British Bank Trophy by virtue of its first innings lead as the determined Riyadh batsmen thwarted the sustained efforts of the EPCL. RCL was struggling for dear life in the closing stages of the four innings tie. With wickets tumbling at regular intervals, only some sedate batting by a handful of batsmen kept the surging EPCL at bay. At the end it was just one wicket which stood between EPCL and victory. But the RCL salvaged a measure of pride by holding out and the wicket and the victory eluded the EPCL side.

The superior batting of EPCL was the dominating factor in the match. The toss rolled the wrong way for RCL and this set the trend for things to come. EPCL skipper Khalid Khan opted to make the first use of the wicket and its opening pair reveled in Khalid's decision. Especially Ghulam Shabbir took the RCL bowling apart with a sustained display of power. He cut and drove with fluency all round the wicket and his century knock — 108 with 14 hits to the fence — was the base on which EPCL moved to a grand first innings total.

Shabbir and Barry Walker began brightly. Both, however, blended their innings with caution and treated the ball on its merit. But once they settled down, the RCL bowling was cut to size by their broad blades. Walker,

Zico shoots equalizer

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 2 (AP)

— Brazil's top two national soccer team stars Zico and Socrates faced each other in the National Championship this weekend and settled for a 1-1 tie between their two teams, Flamengo and Corinthians.

Zico scored the tying goal for Flamengo, while Socrates invented plays and led the Corinthians to a surprisingly strong showing against the World Inter-Club champion.

Sao Paulo, replete with national team stars, easily dominated little Atletico de Parana in its game. Serginho, who will start in Brazil's Wednesday game against Czechoslovakia, scored two of Sao Paulo's goals.

The crowded field in the National Club Championship has been reduced to 32 teams in eight equal groups. Two teams will qualify for the next round from each group. Other results among the championship favorites included a 1-1 tie between Internacional and Atletico Mineiro.

however, did not survive long. After an association of 119, Walker proffered a simple return catch to Fahim Akhtar for a breezy 36. Shabbir continued in the same vein till his defense was penetrated by a Christopher delivery 54 runs later.

These two successes were the only ones enjoyed by RCL as Saqib Ansari, the one-drop bat, and Karim Jan took off from where

the openers had left off. Both were undefeated with 61 and 45 runs respectively as the EPCL, which had progressed in leaps and bounds, applied the closure at 263 for two wickets. Khalid Khan's decision of offering his rivals the use of the strip for a mere 15 minute play for the day was with the prospect of cashing in with a quick wicket or two. Khalid's decision rested on his hopes of fore-

EPCL (1st innings):
Ghulam Shabbir c Christopher 108
Barry Walker c and b Fahim Akhtar 36
Saqib Ansari not out 61
Karim Jan not out 45
Extras: 13
Total (for 2 wks. decd.) 263
Fall of wickets: 1-119, 2-173.
Bowling: S. Ahmed 4-0-25-0; Braithwaite 5-0-47-0; Christopher 9-0-65-1; Fahim Akhtar 11-0-64-1; Malik Ayyaz 2-0-28-0; Anwar Khan 2-0-21-0.

RCL (1st innings):
Malik Ayyaz lbw Naeem Siddique 34
Kadri Hafiz c Aftab b S. Siddique 34
Aftab b Naeem Siddique 34
Q. Braithwaite b Shabbir 7
Fahim Akhtar b Shabbir 15
C. Venkateswaram b Naeem Siddique 29
M. Usmanullah c Ejaz b Ghulam Shabbir 45
Hyder Hussain b Ejaz Ahmed 14
Murray Oakley not out 11
Sayed J. Ahmed b Ejaz Ahmed 11
Extras: 10
Total: 198
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-25, 3-76, 4-90, 5-108, 6-116, 7-172, 8-195, 9-198.
Bowling: Ejaz Ahmed 5-4-21-3; Khalid Khan 5-0-32-1; Shabbir 6-1-35-2; Naeem Siddique 6-1-35-2; Ghulam Shabbir 4-0-21-1.

EPCL (2nd innings):
Ghulam Shabbir c Braithwaite 44
b Christopher 36
Barry Walker c Murray b Braithwaite 26
Shabbir b Christopher 26
Jameel Mir b Anwar Khan 43

8 players set terms for return

KARACHI, Pakistan March 2 (AP)

— Eight rebel Test cricketers from Pakistan agreed to play in the coming series against Sri Lanka under captain Javed Miandad provided Pakistan's Board of Cricket Control (BCCP) would review the captaincy issue for the series against England this summer.

In a joint statement issued Monday, the players who had earlier refused to play under Javed Miandad, said they had taken this decision in the "interest of the country."

The players demanded the Board to review the issue before the selection of the team for the opening Test against Sri Lanka. The players also denied Sunday's claim by the president of BCCP that four players had wished to return to the games. The statement said two of the four players, Mohsin Hassan Khan and Mudassar Nazar fully supported their stand.

Meanwhile, the president of the BCCP, Air Marshal Nur Khan, reacting to the players' demand said, "Javed Miandad has been appointed captain and there will be no hargain on this issue."

OAU seeks Kiwis' exclusion

ADDIS ABABA, March 2 (Agencies) — Fifteen African countries threatened Monday to boycott this year's Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, Australia, if New Zealand takes part.

Foreign ministers of the 15 countries adopted a resolution saying failure to exclude New Zealand from the 40-nation Games in September would leave "no option but to reconsider our participation."

The boycott threat follows the South African Springbok Rugby tour of New Zealand last year which the ministers described as a complete violation of the 1977 Gleneagles accord regulating sporting links between the Commonwealth and Pretoria. The resolution, which is being transmitted to the Australian government, was much softer than an earlier draft presented to the annual ministerial meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), which ended here Monday.

The 15 ministers all attended the OAU ministerial meeting. The draft resolution presented to the OAU conference, called for a

total boycott of the Games but was withdrawn at the last minute. Commonwealth diplomats said there was no mechanism in the organization to exclude New Zealand from the Games. "But at least there is one possible solution and that is for New Zealand to withdraw," one diplomat commented. The resolution paid tribute to the people of New Zealand who demonstrated against the tour. The New Zealand government "has given comfort to the racist regime of South Africa" by allowing the tour to go ahead despite the opposition, it said.

Meanwhile, in Wellington, leading New Zealand sports administrators have rejected suggestions that the country could be forced out of the Brisbane Commonwealth Games because of a boycott threat by African Nations.

Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association secretary Ron Dutton said: "New Zealand must compete at Brisbane regardless of whether the African countries take part."

But what was expected to be a tame end of an otherwise close match, turned out to be a thriller. And the first indications of things to come was provided by the EPCL bowlers. Two wickets fell with just one run on the board and EPCL tightened its efforts when it sensed a possible victory. With Khalid effecting quick changes, varying his seamers and spinners often, and RCL struggling to stave off EPCL's effort, the match took a keen turn. And in the end the bat won the day, but it was close.

EPCL's Ghulam Shabbir, who had two bright innings was adjudged the man-of-the-match. For RCL Christopher Venkateswaram stood out with his all-round show. It was his stout-hearted unbeaten 49 and a 13-run association with Hyder Hussain for the last wicket which enabled RCL to force the draw.

Score-board:
Aftab Ahmed c Malik b Christopher 9
Malik Ayyaz c Anwar b Christopher 16
Karim Jan lbw Anwar Khan 39
Saqib Ansari run out 2
Ejaz Ahmed b Christopher 4
Khalid Khan b Anwar Khan 18
Naeem Siddique not out 3
Extras: 11
Total: 214
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-44, 3-115, 4-131, 5-131, 6-180, 7-188, 8-189, 9-196.
Bowling: Braithwaite 7-9-50-1; Fahim Akhtar 2-0-25-0; Christopher 10-0-85-5; Anwar Khan 5-4-0-45-3.
RCL (2nd innings):
Malik Ayyaz c Anif b Naeem Siddique 9
Gul b Naeem Siddique 3
Sayed J. Ahmed run out 0
M. Siddique b Khalid Khan 0
Q. Braithwaite c Ejaz b S. Anwar 38
Fahim Akhtar c Jamshed b S. Anwar 30
M. Usmanullah b Naeem Siddique 3
Anwar Khan lbw Naeem Siddique 17
Q. Murray run out 17
C. Venkateswaram not out 17
Hyder Hussain not out 17
Kadri Hafiz c Aftab b Shabbir 1
Hyder Hussain not out 1
Extras: 15
Total (for 9 wks.) 163
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-1, 3-40, 4-79, 5-85, 6-85, 7-85, 8-131, 9-150.
Bowling: Ejaz Ahmed 11-2-35-0; Khalid Khan 5-1-13-1; Naeem Siddique 9-1-51-3; Shabbir 3-0-24-1; Saqib Ansari 5-0-19-2; Anif Gul 1-0-1-0; Shabbir 2-1-1-0; Jamshed Mir 1-0-4-0.

As Test ends in a dra

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WELLINGTON, March 2 (AFP) — Half centuries by two New Zealand batsmen and some atrocious fielding by the Australians were the features of the final day's play in the first cricket Test match as an inevitable draw was played out by the two teams at Basin Reserve.

More than half the match was washed out with play possible only intermittently. The first and fourth day was completely abandoned without a ball being bowled and in the remaining period New Zealand, put into bat by the Australian skipper Greg Chappell, plodded on gamely.

The New Zealanders used much of the final day for batting practice until skipper Geoff Howarth declared the innings at 266 for the loss of seven wickets. And in the remaining period the Australians coasted to 88 for the loss of a wicket in the couple of hours they got to bat.

Howarth, top-scored for New Zealand, with a shaky but undefeated 58 after offering

two simple chance figures. Opener named man of the at the crease for before to Terry A.

The most success the day was off-sp bagged three wick slump, on a day wi ped. To add to th Rodney Marsh, th failed with an eas

There was big h tion, from Richar quick time, and L sixes and a four in 19 unbeaten runs comfortable, and o sted to an easy 41 from slow medium. Fellow-opener Bru out although he w sheer pace of Hadl played out the dr

Score-board

NEW ZEALAND (1st innings):
B. Edgar lbw Alderman 55
J. Wright c Chappell b Yardley 38
J. Morrison b Thomson 15
G. Howarth not out 58
M. Crowe run out 9
J. Cooney lbw Yardley 1
I. Smith c Chappell b Yardley 11
R. Hadlee b Thomson 21
L. Cairns not out 19
Extras: 39
Total (for 7 wks. decd.) 266
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-120, 3-149, 4-162, 5-184, 6-212, 7-246.
BOWLING: Liliec 15-1; Alderman 44-20-93-1; 2-2-18-0.
AUSTRALIA (1st innings):
G. Wood b Cairns 58
B. Laird not out 1
J. Dymally not out 19
Total (for 1 wk):
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-20, 3-20, 4-20, 5-20, 6-20, 7-20, 8-20, 9-20.
BOWLING: Hadlee 7-1-1, 11-4-20-1; Crowe 4-1

'Dirty Dozen' land in South

LONDON, March 2 (AP) — A team of England's best cricketers, who quietly flew to South Africa, provoked national uproar in England Monday from opponents of the policy of apartheid.

The cricketers were accused by lawmaker Gerald Kaufman in the House of Commons of selling themselves for "blood-covered Krugerrands," the South African gold coins, and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was "furious," the British domestic news agency Press Association reported.

Neil MacFarlane, her minister for sport, said the decision of top batsman Geoffrey Boycott and 11 others — dubbed by some newspapers "The Dirty Dozen" — will cause "reverberations throughout the cricket world." It could be more than just cricket.

In his parliamentary attack, Kaufman said that the action of the 12 would jeopardize Britain's place in international Test Cricket and also affect the Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

Britain is a signatory of the 1977 agreement at Gleneagles, Scotland, in which governments pledged to discourage their national teams from sports contacts with South Africa because of that country's racial segregation laws. The agreement spoke of apartheid as an "abomination."

Meanwhile, Essex opening batsman Graham Gooch, 28, was named captain of the

tourists. The team: Geoff Boycott, 41, Boycott and three c

John Emhurey, Underwood, recent Lanka for England. "The players have ers and we believe against the hypocrit that have kept South taking their rightfu cricket community," the South African C

Natal Province ca will lead the South one-day matches ag "The tour represents Western Province on the tour was "just v ded."

Three former Test the South African si day match, at Port. Besides Proctor, the Barry Richards and

Other South Africa ude opening bowler S Cook, Kirsten, Clive Jennings, Garth le F Der Bijl. Western P Lamh said he did not South African team h to jeopardize his chan England this year.

Richard Bird, Engl ire, said he turned c pounds (\$63,700) to South Africa. "My loy yers, the Test and Cou to the game of cricke something in life," sa

"No amount of m jeopardize the future given me such happine in his own business, I this series in South Af cricket as we know it ers."

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KARACHI, Pakista Pakistan's junior bow aggressive Indian team the seventh Test of the Hockey Club of Pakist

Indian left fullback opened the score off a fourth minute of the first test's substitute left full evened the score off a fifth minute of the secc

India played a well-c astro turf and were m than Pakistan through play. During the matc penalty corners and twa earned seven penal corners.

Pakistan have won t one so far, while three t The last match is at La

Halifax put up fo

LONDON, March Division Halifax Town i club may be closed do

Chairman Sam Rorke professionals that the transfer-listed and then ence to announce that offers. He said that Hal insolvent with liabilit 250,000 pounds runnin week.

He said he would pay week wage bill and ot month and would see if a to huy the club. A decis about whether or not the sed down.

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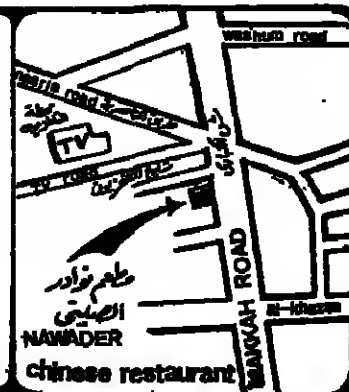
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International

Since November

SS-20 deployment halted, Soviets say

TUTZING, West Germany, March 2 (AP) — A leading Kremlin spokesman said Tuesday the Soviet Union had ceased deploying SS-20 missiles in Europe months ago despite claims to the contrary by U.S. officials.

Leonid Zamyatin, spokesman for the central committee of the Soviet Communist

W. Germans plan rally against U.S.

BONN, March 2 (R) — West Germany's anti-nuclear peace movement plans to stage a huge demonstration against U.S. policy when President Ronald Reagan visits Bonn for a NATO summit in June, spokesmen for various groups involved said Tuesday.

Although plans are at an early stage, some organizers hope the June 10 rally will match the Bonn peace demonstration last October that attracted 300,000 opponents of NATO proposals to deploy new U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles in West Europe.

West Germany, keen to stress its commitment to the Western alliance, persuaded its NATO allies last month to hold the summit in Bonn instead of in Brussels as tentatively scheduled. But already Bonn is showing signs of concern that the move could instead lead to embarrassment within NATO for Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's government, which faces active domestic opposition to alliance strategy.

At a recent briefing for American journalists, Schmidt's chancellery chief of staff, Manfred Lahnstein, acknowledged that the authorities had to reckon with protests during Reagan's first visit here as president.

Lahnstein was quoted by participants as saying it should be remembered that the demonstrators represented only a vociferous minority. Polls showed most West Germans were pro-American and in favor of NATO, he said.

One of the reasons for the apparent official anxiety over the demonstration could be that the youth wings of Schmidt's Social Democratic Party (SPD) and of his Free Democratic (FDP) coalition partners will be taking part. The deputy chairman of the Young Social Democrats, Klaus-Peter Wolf, said in a weekend speech that the protest would show that most West Germans opposed NATO nuclear policy. President Reagan's two-day visit to Bonn for the summit was a provocation for the peace movement, he said.

Groups so far committed to the protest also include church, student and women's organizations as well as the environmentalist "Greens" party and the citizens' Environmental Protection Initiative (BBU), which claims about 300,000 supporters.

A BBU spokesman said that the rally, under the slogan "day of peace," would be aimed against the arms buildup in the East and the West and U.S. policy in Central America. Prominent Americans, whom the spokesman did not identify, would figure among the speakers to make clear that the protest was not anti-American but against what he called the threat to peace from U.S. policy.

He said organizers hoped the turnout, on what is a public holiday, would compare with that of last year's peace demonstration, the biggest West Germany has seen.

Lukas Beekmann, federal party manager of the "Greens," said the rally would be preceded by regional protests in German cities during the weekend of June 5 and 6. "You could almost assume that Reagan wanted to see the whole peace movement, otherwise he wouldn't have come on a holiday," he said.

Party, told a disarmament seminar that no SS-20s had been deployed on European soil since President Leonid Brezhnev's visit to Bonn in November.

The Soviet official added he had been authorized to deny official claims by U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger that the Soviets were deploying a new, nuclear-tipped SS-20 missile every five days.

Last month a left-wing member of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party, Ottmar Schreier, quoted Soviet officials as also saying they had stopped deploying the multi-warhead missiles.

Schreier, a member of parliament, said he had been told of the moratorium Jan. 25 during a meeting in Moscow with Vadim Zagladin, a West German expert on the central committee staff.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Alan Romberg disputed Schreier's remarks, saying the United States had no indication the Soviets had ceased SS-20 deployment. Romberg told reporters Feb. 4 that deployment was continuing "at an average rate of one SS-missile per week."

The controversial SS-20, which can deliver nuclear warheads from Soviet territory in Europe to targets as far away as Greenland, lies at the heart of the disarmament debate in Europe.

For several years, governments of the United States, West Germany and other Western nations have claimed the missiles have upset the balance of forces in Europe in favor of the Soviets. The Soviets, however, maintain the missiles restored the balance.

In December 1979 the NATO allies agreed to deploy U.S. Cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in Western Europe starting in the fall of 1983 to counter the Soviet missile strength.

At the same time the alliance offered to negotiate a mutual reduction of such weapons with the Soviets. Talks between the Soviets and Americans opened Nov. 30 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The decision to deploy the U.S. missiles, however, helped fuel a peace movement throughout Western Europe which threatens to force several Western governments, including the Germans, to abandon the plan.

France accused of aiding Eritrea

ADDIS ABABA, March 2 (AP) — Ethiopia accused France Tuesday of meddling in its internal affairs by aiding freedom fighters of Eritrea's Eritrean province.

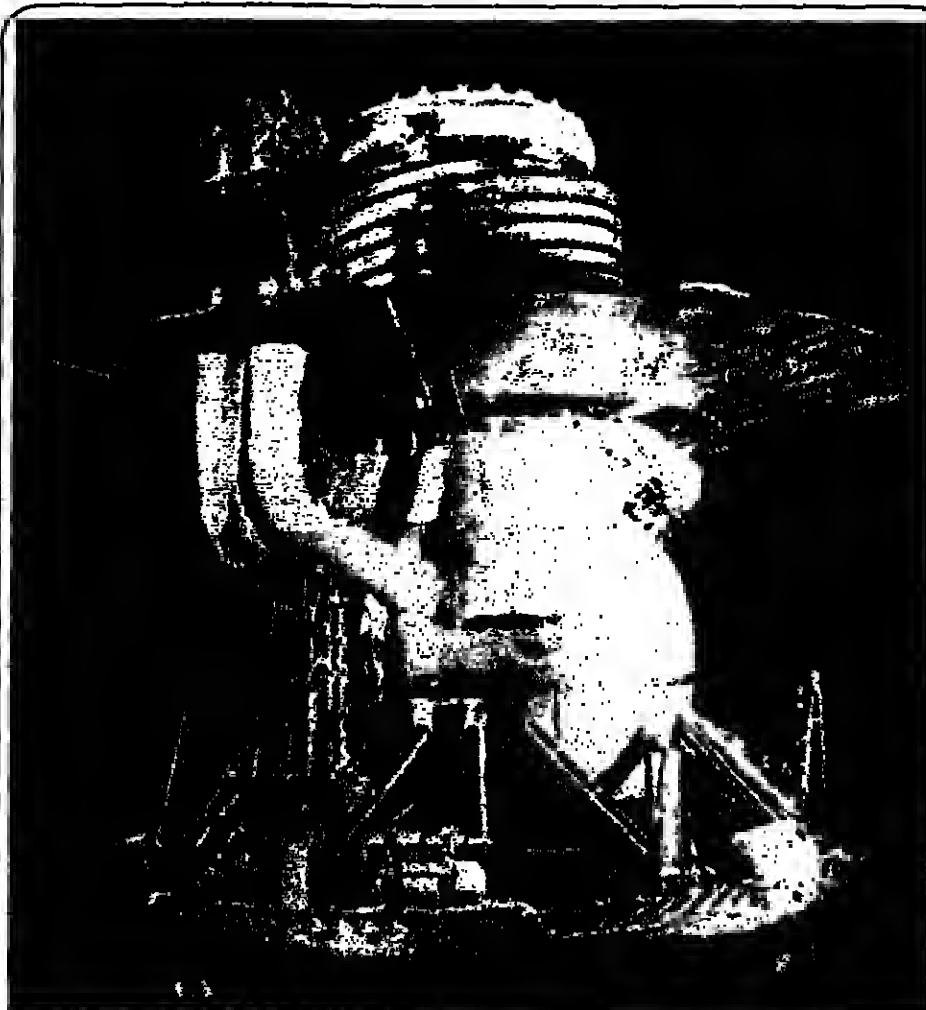
The allegation was made in a strongly worded speech by Fikre Selassie Wogderes, secretary-general of the Provisional Military Administrative Council and No. 2 man in the Marxist government of Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam.

"It is a brazen interference in our internal affairs, (France) has come to the support of the secessionist hand that have been totally discredited as dregs of history by the entire masses of Ethiopia," Fikre said.

Fikre spoke at a public victory day rally attended by members of the diplomatic corps. His speech commemorated the 86th anniversary of the Battle of Adwa, where on March 2, 1896, Emperor Menelik II defeated an Italian Army and thwarted an attempt by Italy to colonize Ethiopia.

In his speech, Fikre recalled that battle and cited an Ethiopian campaign currently under way to wipe out the secessionists.

Following the speech, the Marxist government Tuesday ordered half the staff of the French Embassy to leave the country within 48 hours, the official Ethiopian News agency reported. There are about 23 French diplomats in Addis Ababa.



VENUS PROBE: The descent module of the Venus-13 spacecraft which made a soft landing on Venus Monday. The Soviet interplanetary station completed a four-month flight covering 300 million kms before it dropped the descent vehicle onto the planet.

Craft sends Venus pictures

PARIS, March 2 (AFP) — The Soviet space probe Venus-13 has beamed back the first color pictures from the planet Venus, showing jagged rocks projecting from a surface of sand and gravel. The spacecraft Monday sent down a landing capsule to the surface of Venus which for 127 minutes transmitted data about the planet. Venus cannot be observed directly from the exterior because of a thick layer of clouds.

The extremely hostile environment on Venus makes it difficult for observation equipment to function for long. The temperature can rise to over 450 degrees Celsius, and the pressure is equivalent to 90 times that of the earth's atmosphere at sea level.

In addition to taking color photographs, the landing capsule drilled samples from the planet's surface and analyzed them in a mini-laboratory. Previous Soviet Venus probes Venus-9 and 10 took panoramic views of the very rocky surface in black and white. Another Soviet probe, Venus-14, is scheduled to land on Venus Friday.

The landing module touched down in the Sea of Aphrodite in a mountainous region which Soviet and American scientists believe to have been a center of past, and possibly present, volcanic activity. The principal achievement of Venus-13 has been to take a core sample of the region and analyze it.

U.K. premier 'does own cooking'

LONDON, March 2 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher doesn't employ a cook at her 10 Downing Street official residence, her daughter revealed Tuesday.

Life there is very simple, Carol Thatcher wrote in the weekly magazine, *Woman*. "Two daily helps come in the morning," Carol said.

"She (Mrs. Thatcher) has no cook as she only has coffee and orange juice for breakfast and skips dinner in the evening unless she's eating out. If mum's there at the weekend then she's the cook."

Carol, 28, said although "many people are surprised by this do-it-yourself arrangement," there aren't a lot of rooms to worry about at No. 10, a town house dating from the 1680s.

The apartment of Mrs. Thatcher and her husband Denis "really boils down to living over the shop — the prime minister's study is down a short flight of stairs," said Carol, who worked in Australia as a television journalist.

The premier now shares her apartment with a collection of Thatcher memorabilia collected by her daughter, including a life-size cardboard cut-out of Britain's first woman premier and a "Maggiemania" candle modeled after her.

Dole for jobless Chinese urged

PEKING, March 2 (AFP) — The official *People's Daily* called Tuesday for jobless people to be given unemployment benefits, instead of being left to be supported by their families as is the present case.

Pointing out that it would be better to hand out unemployment benefits than to give out jobs in already overstaffed enterprises, the

"Even mum is impressed with her slim cardboard counterpart and it's now a permanent fixture at home," Carol said.

"What I still enjoy most about Maggiemania is the newspaper cartoons. Mum's distinctive hair, hats and handbags seem to be a cartoonist's delight. It's a family joke that her favorite pearls are always featured — enlarged to gobstopper size." Gobstoppers are large, round, brightly colored candies, often dispensed from sidewalk machines.

Carol said her favorite cartoon is one of her mother doing a solo salvage job on the sinking British economy, symbolized by the ill-fated liner *Titanic*. Mrs. Thatcher likes it too, said Carol, "because she says it illustrates her point that Britain was not built by soft-centered politicians who chose the easy way."

The Thatcher's permanent home is a house in London's fashionable Chelsea district. Carol said that her mother regards 10 Downing Street as a place for her to eat and breakfast and somewhere to store her clothes. Yes, she does have a lot of clothes, but then she needs to.

"Mum doesn't wear jeans, they're not her scene and don't suit her lifestyle. In fact, I can only recall her wearing trousers a few times, when it was essential."

daily urged, "we should set up a flexible social insurance system, adapted to our national conditions and providing help for those awaiting employment."

The official figure for the unemployed was given one year ago as four million, but some officials admitted that joblessness affected 26 million people.

Jaruzelski wins Soviet assurances of fiscal aid

MOSCOW, March 2 (Agencies) — A high-level Polish delegation headed by Communist Party leader Wojciech Jaruzelski left for home Tuesday after reportedly receiving assurances of greater financial assistance from the Kremlin. Radio Moscow reported that Jaruzelski had departed Moscow after conferring with Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev and Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Tikhonov.

Official Soviet sources said Brezhnev and Tikhonov told Jaruzelski during two days of talks here that Moscow will provide Warsaw with more aid than had been agreed to only two months ago. The two countries signed a 1982 trade and payments protocol in early January when Polish Foreign Trade Minister Tadeusz Nestorowicz visited Moscow.

The Soviets never disclosed how much aid they will provide Poland this year, but a Radio Warsaw broadcast then said that Soviet economic aid, mainly in the form of trade credits, would amount to the equivalent of \$3.86 billion in 1982.

There was no word how much more the Soviets are now willing to provide the Poles. Jaruzelski told the Polish central committee last week that the Soviet Union had agreed to increase deliveries of cotton and synthetic fabrics to Poland and was providing expertise to help bring Polish industry into full production.

Eastern European sources said that Jaruzelski had also appealed to Soviet leaders, during his talks in Moscow, to send additional amounts of raw materials and, possibly, food. The Soviet news agency Tass said Jaruzelski and Brezhnev had discussed "political, economic, scientific and technical and cultural" questions during a meeting earlier Tuesday in the Kremlin.

Jaruzelski, on his first visit to Moscow since he imposed martial law in Poland on Dec. 13, also won the Kremlin's fullest support yet for military rule and analysts said he could regard his visit as successful. Jaruzelski was given a farewell as lavish as his red-carpet welcome Monday. Thousands of people were brought into the city center by bus during the afternoon to line the streets, leading from the Kremlin toward the Unkovo airport.

Brezhnev said in a Kremlin speech Monday night that the imposition of martial law had been timely action by Polish Communists that had saved the destinies of Poland and stability in Europe and the world.

China resumes attack on U.S.

PEKING, March 2 (R) — China, returning to the attack in its dispute with the United States over arms sales to the Republic of China, insisted Tuesday it did not fear the consequences if Sino-American relations were harmed.

A commentary by the New China News Agency restated China's view that continued arms sales could lead to an unspecified "retrogression" in relations, which it said were now at a critical point.

"It is China's hope that such a retrogression will not occur," the unsigned commentary said, "but if such a situation is forced upon China, it virtually can do nothing to help. Again, for China, that isn't something too awful to conceive." The agency said that China, although poor, was in a better position than any other country to survive.

The commentary indicated that China might be flexible in the short term over the arms sales, but said that retrogression would occur if the Americans insisted on a long-term policy of selling arms to the Nationalists in Taipei. It said the dispute had developed to a point where China had been forced into a corner without any options.

"The position of China remains to be striving for the best and preparing for the worst," the agency said. Secret talks have been held in Peking on the dispute since Washington announced in January that it would continue to supply the Nationalists with the F-5E fighter that it already has, while denying it more advanced weapons.

China opposes all such sales, although it had grudgingly tolerated them after the United States and China normalized relations in 1979. Tuesday's commentary gave no hint of any progress in the current talks.

Its language was in marked contrast to a mild exchange of letters between President Reagan and Premier Zhao Ziyang to mark last Sunday's 10th anniversary of the Sino-U.S. Shanghai communique on developing relations.

The commentary was apparently aimed at dispelling any suggestion that the blandness of the two letters was a sign that the dispute was being settled.

China has never spelled out what action it would take if no settlement is reached, but last year it downgraded relations with the Netherlands after the Dutch government agreed to the sale of two submarines to Taipei.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazzen

We live, perhaps, in an over-organized world, one in which we are all classified and filed away somewhere "for further reference." For the files and classifiers to do their job, there are numerous aids — one of these are identification procedures worked out over the years with the help of science.

The main one among these is of course identification by thumbprint, as each of us carries therein a unique pattern. You might be carrying false papers and you might dye your hair red and put colored contact lenses on. But still there's no escape for you once your thumbprint is on the record.

But now there's a view that thumbprinting will soon be a thing of the past. The surest and most convenient method of identification — or so claims the company which is trying to market the appropriate equipment — is by the pupil (of the eye, of course) whose patterns are claimed to be even more accurate than a thumbprint.

But if bureaucrats are generally pleased with this ability to pinpoint anyone at any time, there is at least one small bureau in the United States which is finding all this ready identifiability of everyone under the sun something of an embarrassment.

This is the office entrusted with the task of finding an "unknown soldier" from the Vietnam conflict. For there, in Arlington County, stand the tombs of the unknown soldiers of the Civil War, of the First and Second World Wars, and there lies still unused the one designated to the Vietnam War.

For the simple fact is that everyone who died in Vietnam on the American side is known. In fact, even those still "missing in action" are known, and will be readily identified once found, whatever the state they're in: fingerprints, dental plates, special features, everything is already on record.

Which surely is a first in the history of human conflict...

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awad

Tanzanians may allow U.K. trial of hijackers

DAR ES SALAAM, March 2 (Agencies) — Tanzania does not plan to seek the extradition from Britain of the hijackers of an Air Tanzania plane who seized the jet on a domestic flight and held over 80 passengers hostage, government sources said Tuesday.

No official statement has been made concerning the fate of the hijackers except that the hijackers "are in police custody and will be tried and punished according to the law."

But the statement did not specify whether justice will be meted out in Britain or Tanzania. Government sources said that Tanzania is inclined to "let British justice take its course." Diplomats said it is probable that Tanzania will make no official statement concerning extradition.

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